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FRONT COVER CAPTION:

Glenn Hoddle (right) lines up in
England's defensive 'wall'. But
does the Spurs star fit into
England's long-term plans...

GERRY FRANCIS YES

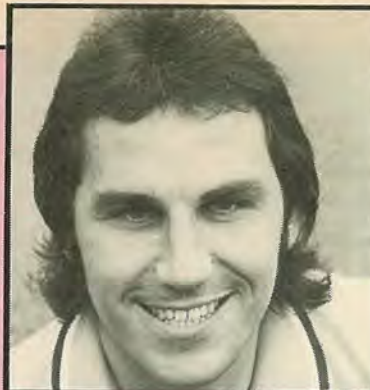
GLENN Hoddle's England career will flourish as soon as the Spurs' star learns how to dominate games at international level.

He must start to dictate to people on the field and demand the ball more often.

Glenn is enormously gifted and talented and has got something I think is vitally important in a midfield player, that is vision and awareness.

But there are times when he tends to let things go past him instead of dominating games which he can do with his ability.

At Spurs everyone knows him and the way he plays and they give him the ball whenever possible, but at international level he doesn't dictate to people in the same way.



I have always been the type of player who demands the ball — a quality I picked up from Alan Ball — and a player of Glenn's ability should do the same.

But he is a quiet lad and that probably goes against him.

He has been criticised for his work rate and perhaps he doesn't work as hard as people like Bryan Robson and Sammy Lee, but by the same token he has gifts those people do not possess.

Glenn is as good as anyone when it comes to passing the ball and to play him alongside such players as Robson and Lee would give the right balance of skill and graft.

JOHN BOND

AN ENGLAND side without Glenn Hoddle is unthinkable and if I was in Bobby Robson's shoes I would pick him every time.

Glenn is as good as any player in the country and on his day one of the best in the world.

I was fortunate enough to see him when he first started his career and thought then he had the makings of a great player... and I don't think he has let anybody down.

I think the reason he hasn't done so well at international level is because he has never had an extended run.

YES

He is not as familiar with the England players as he is with the lads at Spurs — and familiarity with Glenn means an awful lot.

Glenn's passing ability is tremendous and he has a hard shot from the edge of the penalty area. He has so much skill, but he has just got to concentrate on the hard work factor.

If he sits down and thinks of all the great players in the world he will notice that they complement their skill with a lot of hard work.

Once Glenn does that there will be no one to touch him.

I would love to see Glenn given an extended run in the England side playing in a central midfield role and doing the same job he does for Spurs... who could ask for more.

STEVE PERRYMAN

YES

GLENN Hoddle should be the first name Bobby Robson pencils in when he picks the England team... and the rest of the side should be built around him.

Sooner or later the England boss has got to make the decision to either make Glenn the key man in midfield or not pick him at all.

He is a tremendously gifted player with great skill and vision and should be an automatic choice.

But to get the best out of Glenn you have to make him the key man — the playmaker — and concentrate all the action around him.

At Spurs we try to get the ball to Glenn as much as possible because he uses it so well and knocks up magnificent long passes up to our front men.



TONY

GLENN is going through a frustrating phase of his career at the moment and I know exactly how he feels because I suffered the same agonising experience a few years ago.

Like the Spurs' star I was unable to command a regular place in the England side and made only 17 appearances in a seven-year period.

Being picked for the odd game is very frustrating and gets a player down more than anything else.

What Glenn wants more than anything at the moment is the chance of an extended run in the England team so that he can really feel part of the set up.

Once he begins to feel that he is a regular he will grow in confidence and his game will improve as a result.

Glenn falls into the category of a handful of talented players who have never really had the chance to play regularly in the national side.

Players such as Alan Hudson, Charlie George and Frank Worthington were all England class but were never really given the chance to prove it.

I rate Glenn very highly and stand by what I said before the FA Cup Final last year — that he is the most talented player in the world.

IF YOU WERE

WOULD YOU

CURRIE

YES

His passing and control is out of this world and once he gets a run of games under his belt he will prove his worth.

But at the moment there is a lot of pressure on Glenn because every time he pulls on an England shirt he knows he has to play really well or he may be dropped.

Until he is made a regular he will always be under great pressure when he plays for England.

I spoke to Glenn recently and told him how I felt when I struggled to keep my place and I simply advised him to be patient and things will work out.

I believe he should be an automatic choice and I agree with Steve Perryman that the England team should be built around Glenn.

You have to have a player in midfield who can pull the strings and Glenn Hoddle is probably the best player at doing that. 9

LOVE him or hate him, there's just no ignoring him — Glenn Hoddle is the country's most talked about player.

But is he an England must or an international mis-fit?

Few have questioned his ability, but his work-rate and consistency have come under fire and he has yet to show the same devastating form for his country as he has done so often for his club, Spurs.

An extended run in the side would surely settle the arguments once and for all but would you pick him for England?

That's the question 'Match' reporter Dave Smith put to some of the country's top players and managers and they came back with a resounding "YES" ... with one notable exception.

ENGLAND MANAGER...

PICK GLENN?

GLENN has sometimes been referred to as a "luxury player", and that may be true, but I believe there is room for one in every team.

I would like to see him in the England team because he is such a skilful player and can turn a game with one flash of brilliance.

We all know he has a lot of ability and I believe if he gets an extended run in the side he will show us that ability.

His time will come, although it may take a little longer than he expects. Bobby Robson seems to have a winning side at the moment and it would be difficult for him to change that.

From Glenn's point of view it must have been a blow to miss out on the game against Greece because it was an excellent result and the manager stuck with the same midfield trio of Robson, Lee and Mabbutt for the Luxembourg match.

TREVOR BROOKING

YES

He is a great two-footed player and his passing is excellent, but I think he could perhaps work a little harder.

Possibly the one thing Glenn lacks at the moment is the goal scoring ability which has been a feature of his game in previous seasons.

Once he starts finding the back of the net again it will give him a lot more confidence and then we should really see the best of him.

ALAN MULLERY

NO

should be classed as a 'great' player.

When people talk of great players, I think of the Dave Mackays of this world ... and Glenn is not in the same class.

He may have a lot of ability, but he can't tackle, I have never seen him head the ball and he doesn't do the work Dave Mackay did.

And although he often turns it on for Spurs, I have never seen him set the game alight when he has played for England — unlike his team-mate Gary Mabbutt, who has done very well in midfield.

Glenn's game fluctuates from one week to another and he should not command a regular England place until he learns to be a more consistent player.

England need players of his skill, but he must work harder at his game and prove himself to be an all-round player. 9

HODDLE'S INTERNATIONAL RECORD

DEBUT: v Bulgaria, Wembley (1979).

CAPS: 14 — v Bulgaria (1979); v Wales, Australia, Spain (1980); v Spain, Wales, Scotland, Norway (1981); v Northern Ireland, Wales, Iceland, Czechoslovakia (sub), Kuwait, Luxembourg (sub) (1982).

GOALS: 5 — v Bulgaria (1979) won 2-0; v Australia (1980) won 2-1; v Spain (1981) lost 2-1; v N. Ireland (1982) won 4-0; v Luxembourg (1982) won 9-0.



● Don't miss Glenn Hoddle's regular 'Match Weekly' column on Page 27 of this week's issue.

CHIRPY CHANNON!

NEW Norwich sensation Mike Channon has revealed how he almost quit the game during a frustrating spell at Third Division Bristol Rovers.

He was unable to command a place in the team following his move from Newcastle United and it seemed as though his long and distinguished career was at an end.

But at the eleventh hour, Norwich City manager Ken Brown stepped in to rescue the former England striker and threw him a First Division lifeline.

And in his first few games for the East Anglian club, Mike showed the fans a glimpse of the form which brought him 46 England caps.

He says: "I had seriously considered packing the game in but, before I came to a firm decision, Norwich stepped in. 'I never settled in at Bristol Rovers and only played when someone was injured. Their style didn't suit me... in fact I don't think even Pele would have fitted in there.'"

But those days are behind him now and Mike is enjoying a new lease of life at Norwich and once again proving his worth in the top flight.

"I am just glad to be playing again, and to be in the First Division is a bonus because when you have been out of the game, you begin to think you won't get another chance," he says.

"The move to Norwich came right out of the blue and I'm grateful to Ken Brown for giving me a chance."

Mike, who signed a one-month contract just before Christmas, believes that even at the age of 34 he can reproduce the goalscoring form which made him feared by defences all over the world.

"I know I can still play at the top level and score goals," says Mike. "The First Division holds no fears for me because I know I'm worth my place there."

And he certainly proved his point in his opening games for his new club. In the absence of striker John Deehan, he spearheaded the attack in the 3-2 victory over East Anglia neighbours Ipswich on Boxing Day.

The following day, he scored the winning goal against Luton and, six days later, repeated the trick with the winner against Swansea. Norwich manager Ken Brown

THE happy wanderer is on song again! Spotlight on the ex-England striker whose First Division career has taken off again... thanks to the Canaries.



was prompted to say: "I'd love to have Mike for the rest of the season."

And Mike has said he would be happy to stay with the Canaries. "It is a very good club with a bright future. I will have to look at the situation at the end of the loan period."

It was almost 20 years ago that Mike began his career with Southampton, where he made 392 League appearances — and scored 155 goals — before his surprise move to Manchester City.

After a couple of seasons at Maine Road, he returned to The Dell and notched up another 27 goals in 119 games.

But at the end of last season, the South coast club turned their back on Mike and manager Lawrie McMenemy gave him a free transfer.

Mike insists there was no animosity or bitterness involved and says: "It was simply a case of economics and Southampton couldn't afford to keep a 34-year-old player."

After his release, Mike joined the ill-fated tour of South Africa — but has no regrets. "I really enjoyed playing out there," he says. "I love the country and would always go back there."

On his return to this country, Mike teamed up with his former England and Southampton colleague Kevin Keegan at Newcastle. But after five Second Division games, he left by mutual consent.

Says Mike: "Manager Arthur Cox was in the process of rebuilding the side, but I did not fit in and there seemed no point in staying."

"I did nothing for about three weeks and then Bristol Rovers stepped in and asked if I would like to join them and I agreed."

"I will always be grateful to manager Bobby Gould and Rovers for keeping me in the game but I was only there as a stand-in for when someone was injured."

Now Mike is again enjoying his football with Norwich. "Their style of play suits me down to the ground," he says.

Left: Mick Channon in action for his last First Division club Southampton. Now he's back in top flight action after considering quitting the game.

GARRY'S CHANCE TO GLITTER BUT NOT TOO MUCH!

GARRY Birtles gets a double chance to show United fans what a really good player he is when he returns to Old Trafford twice within a matter of three days.

The Nottingham Forest striker was tagged as yet another £1m misfit when he struggled to score goals during his short stay in Manchester. But now he's back home at the City Ground he has rediscovered his scoring touch and formed a lethal partnership with Ian Wallace.

The striking duo have been so successful as Forest have raced up the First Division, that they are now being tipped to resurrect their respective international careers with England and Scotland.

It was very difficult for Garry when he moved to United. At Forest he was a big fish in a small pool, whereas at Old Trafford he was surrounded by big name players and big money signings.

Garry is a Nottingham lad and he feels so much more at home in a Forest shirt. He's proved that since his move back there in September.

You don't become a bad player overnight and I knew it was only a matter of time before Garry got his confidence back. I'm really delighted to see him doing so well.

Even when things weren't going right for him at United he never let it get him down. He just kept plugging away and the Old Trafford fans appreciated that.

He was very popular with the rest of the lads and was always a bundle of laughs. One of the main talking points during his stay here was what clothes Garry would turn up wearing.

He's well known for his outrageous outfits and he's got us wondering what natty number he'll be sporting for the Milk Cup-tie on Wednesday and the League meeting the following Saturday.

But before we can think about coming face to face with the Forest side, we've got to travel to Birmingham and I'm hoping the gypsy will put a curse back on St Andrews for that fixture!

Ron Saunders' side has picked up a few good results recently — including a 3-0 win over his old team Aston Villa — so we're expecting a tricky game.

One clash against 'The Blues' back in November 1978 still sends shivers down my spine. In fact both clubs were in similar positions to now. United were challenging for the title and Birmingham were fighting a battle against relegation.

Despite being red hot favourites to win we were hammered 5-1 in a nightmare game. In the Birmingham side that day was Argentinian World Cup star Alberto Tarantini.

While Birmingham enjoyed a good



THE STEVE COPPELL COLUMN

The Manchester United and England favourite brings you more news from behind the scenes at Old Trafford... and tells of his personal hopes for 1983. Don't miss his regular column — it's only in 'Match'.

Christmas it couldn't have been much worse for us as we slipped further behind Liverpool following our 0-0 draw with Sunderland and 3-0 defeat at Coventry. Sunderland came for a draw and that's what they got. Coventry, however, deserved their win.

After taking the lead through a speculative shot from left-back Peter Hormantschuk — which 'keeper Gary Bailey fumbled — Coventry never looked back.

I remember thinking before the game what a fabulous season Gary was having for us and then he lets in a silly goal. But everyone makes mistakes and I'm sure he'll learn from the one at Highfield Road.

Our Christmas results mean that we are really up against it in our bid to catch Liverpool. You just can't afford to give them breathing space at the top.

The only way anyone is going to recover the deficit is if Liverpool suffer an awful run of injuries and in the 20 years I've followed and competed against them that hasn't happened.

The good news for me has been that — touch wood — my knee injury seems to be settling down and I'm able to train with the rest of the team as well as play two games a week.

I'm still perhaps a little over sensitive and feel aches and pains that aren't there, but the signs are good. I'm not getting fluid on it after matches any more.

I did miss the Coventry defeat but that



Garry Birtles — much more at home in a Forest shirt but we are all wondering what he'll be wearing before the match when he returns to Old Trafford next week.

had nothing at all to do with the knee. I had bruised my instep in the Sunderland game.

One of the talking points of the New Year has been the election of Italy's World Cup winner Paolo Rossi as the European Footballer of the Year. I must admit it didn't surprise me.

He had a fabulous World Cup after suffering two years in exile following the bribery scandal which rocked Italy. It's incredible to think that after missing a couple of good chances against Cameroon he could have been dropped from the Italian team.

I was surprised that there was no British player in the top ten. I'd have thought my United and England team-mate Bryan Robson might have merited a placing.

He's a smashing player and had a very good World Cup. If England had been a bit more successful and perhaps reached the Semi-Finals I'm sure he'd have got a mention.

On a happy note I was delighted to see the dramatic increase in attendances over the festive period and I hope that 1983 sees a continuation of that trend.

We were lucky that the weather was so mild — remember what it was like

last year! But one of the main reasons was the fact that there wasn't any football on the television over the holiday period.

That meant that the fans had to get out of their armchairs and actually go out to a game.

I'd like to see a reduction in the number of games covered on television. Over a weekend you can usually see at least seven First Division games so that makes it virtually certain that all the top matches will be shown.

I think one game on each station is ample and I'd also like to see the load more evenly spread through the four divisions.

As chairman of the Professional Footballers Association I've often been asked what my wish for the New Year is. It's something I've thought long and hard about.

What I'd like to see in '83 is all the footballing bodies — FA, Football League, PFA, etc — pulling together. There are a lot of small bodies within the game and I feel we'd be much stronger if we all sat round a table together and moved as a unit.

There were a lot of optimistic signs for the game over Christmas and New Year. We should try and build on them.

Steve Coppell

● Steve Coppell was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

★★

'Match' columnist Paul Mariner gives his exclusive verdict on Manchester United's clash with Nottingham Forest on Page 13... and it won't be too popular with the Old Trafford faithful!

DID YOU KNOW

ENGLAND'S five previous managers all earned decorations in Royal Honours Lists with knighthoods for Walter Winterbottom and Alf Ramsey, O.B.E.s for Don Revie and Joe Mercer and a C.B.E. for Ron Greenwood. What for Bobby Robson we wonder?

NO CLUB has a more up and down past than Colchester United. Entering the League in 1950 they have been relegated to Division Four five times, promoted to Division Three four times and re-elected three times!

FULHAM and Spurs were Alan Mullery's only clubs during a playing career that spanned 18 years from 1958 to 1976 but he's already been manager of three — Brighton, Charlton and Crystal Palace — in a little over 12 months.



Steve Taylor — out to help Burnley achieve a Cup hat-trick.

RELEGATION-haunted Burnley go into Milk Cup Quarter-Final action against Tottenham next week chasing a hat-trick of First Division scalps.

"We've already beaten two top teams in Coventry and Birmingham and now we are in with a chance of making it three," says popular Turf Moor striker Steve Taylor.

"We won't sit back because that's not our game. We will have a go at them in a bid to expose them at the back because they are an attack-minded team."

The game brings Steve up against his former team-mate at Luton, Paul Price, and Steve says: "I know he's in tremendous form so there will be a good old fashioned battle there."

"Tottenham are expected to win and that alone puts them under pressure immediately."

"We were the underdogs when we went to Coventry and, while we found ourselves a goal down inside six minutes, we played them off the park in the end."

"Birmingham came to Turf Moor unbeaten in about eight or nine games but we

DONS ARE INSURED AGAINST GOING UP!

WHAT might have appeared an all too familiar dilemma to most managers was all in a day's work for Wimbledon boss Dave Bassett.

The problem was how to offer his players attractive bonuses to win promotion from the Fourth Division, and actually afford to pay them should they achieve it.

The answer, to Dave at least, was simple... insurance. "For a single premium, we've covered ourselves should we finish in the top four this season," he explains.

"So financially at least, winning promotion is no problem to us."

And why was it all so straightforward to Dave? Simple, for as well as being Wimbledon manager, he's also a working partner in an insurance brokers.

'The dole pays better'

TERRY Park, the Stockport County striker who attracted offers from a couple of First Division clubs only 12 months ago, has quit soccer claiming he'd be better off on the dole!

Says Terry: "I live in Liverpool and it was costing me £20 a week in petrol just to get to Edgeley Park. It was a joke being a professional footballer in my situation — taking home about £75 a week."

"I'll be better off playing non-League football."

But, adds Terry: "If I can get a good job, I'll turn out to play for County for nothing... because I love the game."

NEWCASTLE Breweries are backing a series of 'Kevin Keegan Blue Star Soccer Days' which will give 500 North East schoolchildren some football fun and expert coaching.

Four action-packed soccer days will provide 125 children on each occasion with a mixture of knockout games and top tips from Kevin and his Newcastle team-mates.

Adults will enter a soccer-based competition to win a place for their children, with entry forms being available in local pubs, clubs and supermarkets.

All the children taking part will receive certificates and photographs signed by Kevin Keegan.

TREBLE CHANCE FOR THE GIANT KILLERS

murdered them in the first half so we've proved we can perform against First Division opposition.

"Now we can go to White Hart Lane and enjoy ourselves... and give it everything we have got."

Burnley's good Cup run is at least allowing them some relief from their Second Division relegation fears.

But while the club found themselves firmly anchored to the bottom of Division Two following the Christmas programme, 27-year-old Steve says:

"I think it's only a matter of time before we put things right. The Cup run has certainly boosted our confidence."



RAY FACES UP TO LOST CAPTAINCY

RAY Wilkins — Bobby Robson's first choice as England skipper — has virtually resigned himself to the fact that his short reign as captain is over.

Ray has been out of action following an injury to his cheekbone and, in his absence, his Manchester United team-mate Bryan Robson was named captain. And says Ray: "Reading between the lines I think Bobby Robson prefers to have Bryan as his captain."

"It's just one of those things. There's no point in sulking about it."

"But I would like to think I'll reclaim my job as skipper of United because it means so much to me."

■ WHILE Luther Blissett, John Barnes and Nigel Callaghan attract all the headlines in Watford's debut season in Division One, unsung hero Les Taylor is enjoying the best football of his career with the club.

Says Les: "It's a standing joke that I don't get as much publicity as the others because I'm not as pretty as they are!"

"But seriously, it doesn't bother me. The manager, my team-mates and the supporters appreciate what I do and that's all that concerns me."

"Like the rest of the lads, I'm having a terrific time this season and an added bonus is the number of goals I'm scoring. I'm convinced I'll beat my previous best of six League goals in a season... and who could ask for more?"

■ GOAL-SCORING machine Ian Rush has come in for high praise from Spurs central defender Paul Price.

"He is the best striker in the country at the moment," says Paul, who plays alongside Ian in the Welsh team. "He is a lethal finisher and I hope he finds his Liverpool scoring form for the national side," he adds.

■ MANCHESTER City have launched a novel scheme to raise more money for the club. They are asking fans for a cash investment and in return, the supporter gets a free season ticket for the next five years. Early results indicate City are on a winner according to Chairman Peter Swales.



ALAN'S AVENGERS

WEST Ham are out "to put the record straight" by dumping holders Liverpool out of the Milk Cup in Tuesday's Quarter-Final at Anfield.

'The Hammers' believe they were robbed of the League Cup when the teams met in the Final at Wembley two seasons ago and they are determined to exact revenge.

Their classy midfield star Alan Devonshire admits that he and his team-mates still feel upset about the controversial goal awarded against them late in extra-time.

The players complained furiously when an Alan Kennedy goal was allowed to stand even though Sammy Lee was in an off-side position. The decision by referee Clive Thomas gave Liverpool a 1-1 draw and they won the replay at Villa Park 2-1.

Left: West Ham's England midfielder Alan Devonshire.

"The Wembley game still stands out in our minds and it's one very good reason why we want to put the record straight this time," says Alan.

West Ham have already beaten Liverpool 3-1 this season in a League meeting at Upton Park and Alan says: "Now we've got to prove that wasn't a fluke."

"We played well that afternoon and beat them comprehensively. It proved that on our day we can match the best in the land. It was a tremendous fillip for us."

"Having said that, we know we've got the toughest draw of the Quarter-Finals and we go into the tie as underdogs."

"There aren't many teams who have won at Anfield but it has happened and it will happen again. The pressure is off us because we're not expected to win."

BURRIDGE AIMS HIGH

GOALKEEPER John Burridge believes the new lease of life he's enjoying with highflying Wolves could force him into the international reckoning.

"A couple of seasons ago, people were saying I was on the threshold of the England squad, but my troubles at Queen's Park Rangers took me out of the limelight," says John.

"Now I've got regular first team football again, I could get back in the reckoning."

"Obviously my chances would be even greater if I was performing regularly in the First Division... and I'm convinced that's exactly what I will be doing next season."

THE BOYS FOR BRAZIL...

THREE lucky boys from this year's Bobby Charlton Soccer School will spend a month as guests of former World Club Champions Flamengo in Brazil.

The idea of this super, all-expenses paid trip followed a visit to Brazil by the former England star.

The trio for Brazil will be selected on merit from Bobby's three schools in August. The three five-day schools are scheduled for August 9, 16 and 23, and applications, from boys between 10 and 16, can be sent to: Bobby Charlton Soccer Schools, Antwerp House, Bush Lane, Manchester M13 0NW.

■ NOTTS County's home League fixture against West Ham turned up a remarkable number of 'Firsts'. It was Justin Fashanu's FIRST game for County. County defender Nigel Worthington scored his FIRST ever League goal... and so did West Ham's Alan Dickens who was playing his FIRST League game for the 'Hammers'.

■ KEELE University is the venue for a four-day soccer festival beginning on April 5 later this year.

Organised by Sportsphere, tournaments, coaching sessions, films and a 'meet-the-stars' forum are all part of the festival which is open to clubs everywhere.

Further details can be obtained from Compass Allsport, Woodgrange House, 11 High Street, Ingatstone, Essex. Tel: 02775 4377.

MATCH CHAT

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IRISH STAGE YOUTH EVENT

THE first-ever Northern Ireland youth international football competition is being staged next July.

The under-16 tournament is open to all club or representative teams.

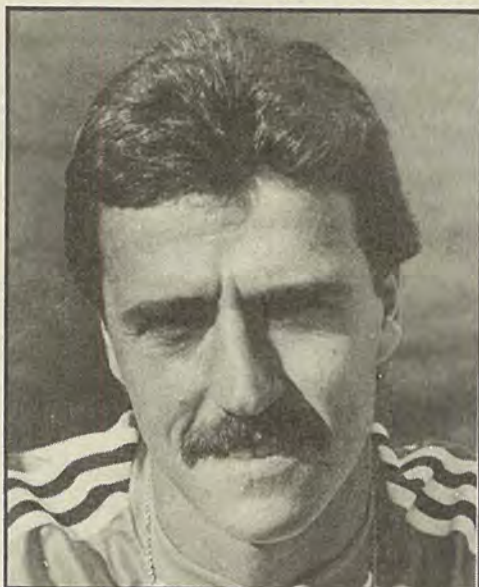
The competition will be held at Coleraine, Portrush, Portstewart and Castlerock between July 24 and 30.

Closing date for entries is January 31, and details are available from Jim Weir, of 15 Beechgrove Rise, Belfast 6, N. Ireland.

And still on the same subject, Southampton University, in conjunction with Southampton FC and the city, are organising an international tournament for five different age groups in July.

The week-long competition will start on July 31 and the age groups covered are under-13, 14, 15, 16 and 18.

Accommodation is available in the city and at the University Campus and for application forms contact Bob Higgins, Southampton FC, The Dell, Milton Road, Southampton SO9 4XX.



Luton's David Moss — "We are at least worth a mid-table position."

IT'S LEAP YEAR FOR LUTON...

LUTON winger David Moss dismisses suggestions that the 'Hatters' are heading for a quick return to the Second Division unless they alter their attacking policy.

"We're playing exactly the same way as we did last season when we literally ran away with the Second Division Championship," he says.

"The only difference is that, in Division One, you get punished more often and more severely for your mistakes. But we are learning all the time."

"Any side that can score goals as often as we have in the top flight must have something to offer. We'll continue to go forward and attack teams, at home and away, because that's what we do best."

"From what I've seen so far, we're worth a mid-table position at least. With three points for a win, clubs can move up in leaps and bounds when they string a few results together. And I'm convinced that's what we'll be doing before very long."

ROYLE RAVES OVER RYAN

OLDHAM manager Joe Royle surveyed the interest in his young full back John Ryan and declared: "It would take a big, big offer before we would consider letting John move from Boundary Park... he's one of the best in the business."

Tottenham, Luton and Queen's Park Rangers are just three of the clubs who have been linked with John.

Ironically, such was Oldham's plight at the beginning of the season that John could well have been bought at a bargain price.

But now Oldham are backed by a local brewery and Joe is adamant that any club

interested in John will have to start talking around the £200,000 mark.

"If any club believes I will let a player move on the cheap then they can save themselves the cost of a phone call," says Joe.

"John had scored six goals up to the start of this month and, for a full-back, that's a priceless asset."

England manager Bobby Robson has promised to take a look at John and his team-mate Paul Atkinson following a recommendation by the Oldham boss who says: "I'm sure he'll be impressed."

PAUL Sugrue's career has had more ups and downs than a ride on a Big Dipper.

There's hardly been a dull moment for the 22-year-old since he was plucked from non-League obscurity by First Division giants Manchester City two years ago.

Since then he has:

- **Been shown the door at Maine Road.**
- **Suffered a cartilage operation which kept him out for almost a year.**
- **Been given a free transfer by relegated Cardiff.**
- **Been thrown out of a job by hard-up American club, Kansas.**

And all that was after he'd walked out on Walsall as a 16-year-old apprentice because he was fed up with cleaning boots and sweeping the terraces!

Now Paul is determined to take the latest chance offered to him by flamboyant Ayresome Park boss Malcolm Allison — the man who originally signed him for City.

Entertaining

"My career so far has been both lively and entertaining to say the least. Now I'm hoping it will settle down and that I can prove myself," says Paul, who has signed for 'Boro until the end of the season.

The Coventry-born youngster could have made the grade at nearby Walsall, but he explains: "The only thing the apprentices seemed to do was clean and sweep up. We never seemed to get a chance to kick a ball.

"I thought: 'If that's football you can stick it.' After that I didn't play for about eight months. My illusions were shattered."

But Paul was persuaded to start playing again by Nuneaton Borough and it was a decision which cost him the sack from various jobs. He says: "I was always taking time off work to play and the various bosses didn't like it.

"I had numerous jobs while I

SUGRUE AND SPICE

NEVER A DULL MOMENT FOR PAUL



Anthony Hawkswell turns the spotlight on the North East and the new Middlesbrough signing bidding to bury his problem-paved past.

was with Nuneaton. I was a pipe fitter, fork lift truck driver and also worked on an assembly line."

Paul got another chance to make a career in the game when 'Big Mal' snapped him up and he admits: "It was my own fault I didn't get on at City. After Malcolm was sacked, I let myself go. I should have tried harder.

"I think John Bond liked me as a player but we didn't get on personally. I just went through the motions for him instead of taking the bull by the horns," says Paul, who made just six First Division appearances for the Maine Road club.

The next chapter in Paul's bid to establish himself took place in Wales when he joined Cardiff on a free transfer. That move was a disaster as the Ninian Park club were relegated last season and he played just five games because of a troublesome cartilage injury.

"The injury took a long time to heal and the surgeon who performed the cartilage operation said he didn't hold out much hope that I'd be able to play again.

"It was a very depressing time for me and I began to wonder if I really had a future in the game. I'll always be grateful to the help and comfort my parents gave me in those dark days because I got very irritable and frustrated at times."

Paul was on the move again at the end of last season when the Welsh club released him — along with seven other players — in a desperate bid to reduce their wage bill.

"I was encouraged by the

many offers I received — mostly from abroad, but I couldn't sign for anyone because I was still on crutches following the cartilage operation.

"I'd been to America on tour with Manchester City and was impressed by the place so, when Kansas came in for me in November, I didn't hesitate to fly over there."

However, Paul played just two games in the five-a-side League before he was made redundant by the club. He explains: "They suddenly hit severe financial problems and had to unload a lot of their European based players.

Progressed

"I flew back to England with former Orient star John Margerison and the doubts that I'd never make the grade came flooding back.

"As soon as I arrived in this country, I rang Malcolm Allison and asked him if he could fix me up. He told me to come and see him. Things have progressed from there."

Paul hopes that his reunion with Malcolm will signal a change of luck. He says: "I'm really determined to do well here. I want to make a name for myself at Ayresome Park. Even though I've had my problems, football is a great life and it's all I know.

"When I arrived here I was unfit and overweight so Malcolm sent me to play for Nuneaton for a couple of games. When I returned I expected to play some reserve

matches before coming into contention for a first team place.

"But before the game against Cambridge, David Shearer went down with an injury and the manager was struggling to get a side together so he threw me in at the deep end.

"Although we lost, I was well pleased with my form," says Paul, who scored his first goal for the club two games later in the 3-1 victory at Carlisle.

Before the arrival of Malcolm Allison to Ayresome Park, Middlesbrough, who were relegated from the First Division last season, were rooted at the bottom of the table and being tipped to drop yet again.

"The atmosphere has completely changed since he came up here," says Paul: "The players told me that before he arrived, things were in a right state. Now confidence is sky-high and everyone looks forward to going into training.

"I don't think we've got much chance of getting promotion to the First Division this season, but I'm sure Middlesbrough will be there or thereabouts next time around.

"I've been impressed by the young talent around the place. Players like Steve Bell and Darren Wood look to have a very bright future ahead of them.

"The blend is just right and I'm sure that we'll take some stopping as soon as Kevin Beattie returns from injury. He's a magic player and brings so much confidence to the team."



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THE HIT MEN!

EXCLUSIVE GOALS REPORT

'Match' spotlights the First Division's top shots.

Below: Ipswich's Alan Brazil — top of Match Weekly's exclusive hit list.

IPSWICH striker Alan Brazil is the First Division's top hit man, an exclusive 'Match Weekly' survey has revealed.

The Scottish international is the most consistent scorer over the past four seasons with a terrific tally of 58 goals from 121 League appearances — virtually one every other game. And he's getting better all the time:

In season 1979-80 he notched 12; the following season he hit 17; and it was 22 last season.

And while Alan had only scored seven in the League up to the turn of the year, he's eager to beat his best ever total.

He told 'Match Weekly': "I always set out at the start of each season with the intention of beating my previous total and I would love to score 23 or more this season."

"Although I have only got seven League goals so far, I never really start scoring regularly until after Christmas so I am quietly confident I can get at least 20."

Alan, who is on the transfer list at Portman Road, rates his performances last year as the best so far in his career.

And his five goals in the crushing victory over Southampton at the beginning of last season stand out in his mind most. He says: "That's been the highlight of my career because it's my one and only hat-trick so far. The third goal gave me particular pleasure."

"But the goal I remember most clearly was a 25-yard half-volley against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge about three years ago."

Other First Division 'hit men' that Alan admires are the Liverpool duo Ian Rush and Kenny Dalglish.

Says Alan: "Ian is a brilliant finisher and already has three hat-tricks to his credit so far this season, which is incredible."

"And his striking partner Kenny is also a great goalscorer. The one he got against Belgium recently was out of this world."

Currently running second in the 'hit men' table is our own David Cross.

The 'Match Weekly' columnist and Manchester City striker boasts 59 goals from 135 appearances.

But the bigger threat, it would seem, comes from Luton's Brian Stein — currently crashing them home for Luton and lying second to Liverpool's Ian Rush in the race for the title of leading scorer in Division One.

Welsh international Ian does not figure in our charts — not having played the required number of games.

Sharing third spot with Brian Stein is England centre-forward



BRAZIL TOPS HIT LIST

Cyrille Regis and close on his heels is one of the biggest threats to his international aspirations, West Ham's Paul Goddard.

Aston Villa partners Peter Withe and Gary Shaw come next — the more experienced Withe just keeping his neck in front of his young England rival.

Nottingham duo Ian Wallace (Forest) and Trevor Christie (County) — share next spot — both having scored 41 goals from 111 games.

TOP 20 HIT MEN

THE first column after the player's name shows the number of League appearances (not including substitute appearances) since the beginning of season 1979-80. The second column shows the number of League goals scored, the third column the number of minutes played between each goal and the last column shows the number of games per goal. For instance Ian Wallace has, on average, scored one goal every 243 minutes. (Only strikers who have made 100 or more League appearances since the beginning of the 1979-80 season have been considered and penalties are not included.)

Player	League Games	League Goals	Mins played per goal	Games per goal
1 Alan Brazil (Ipswich)	121	58	187	2.08
2 David Cross (Man City)	135	59	205	2.28
3 Brian Stein (Luton)	144	58	223	2.48
3 Cyrille Regis (WBA)	117	47	224	2.48
5 Paul Goddard (West Ham)	136	54	226	2.51
6 Peter Withe (A Villa)	127	49	233	2.59
7 Gary Shaw (Aston Villa)	113	43	236	2.62
8 Ian Wallace (Nott'm F)	111	41	243	2.70
8 Trevor Christie (Notts Co)	111	41	243	2.70
10 Paul Mariner (Ipswich)	120	44	245	2.72
10 Garth Crooks (Spurs)	128	47	245	2.72
12 Frank Worthington (Sunderland)	113	39	260	2.89
13 Lee Chapman (Arsenal)	105	36	262	2.91
14 Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool)	139	47	266	2.95
15 Frank Stapleton (Man Utd)	141	45	282	3.13
16 Michael Robinson (Brighton)	122	38	288	3.21
17 Iain McCulloch (Notts Co)	130	40	292	3.25
17 Garry Birtles (Nott'm F)	117	36	292	3.25
19 Paul Walsh (Luton)	106	31	307	3.41
20 Alan Sunderland (Arsenal)	123	35	316	3.51

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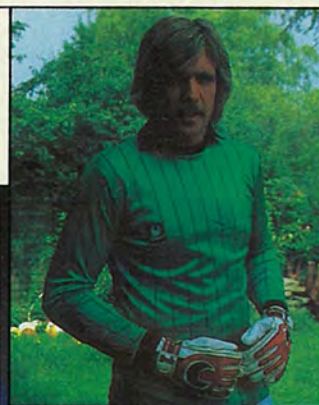
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A full-page photograph of a young man, Mark Wright, in a Southampton football kit. He is captured in a dynamic pose, as if running or about to kick a ball. He has reddish-brown hair and is looking off-camera to his left. The kit consists of a red long-sleeved shirt with a white V-neck and a Southampton crest on the chest, black shorts, and white socks with red stripes. The background is a blurred stadium filled with spectators.

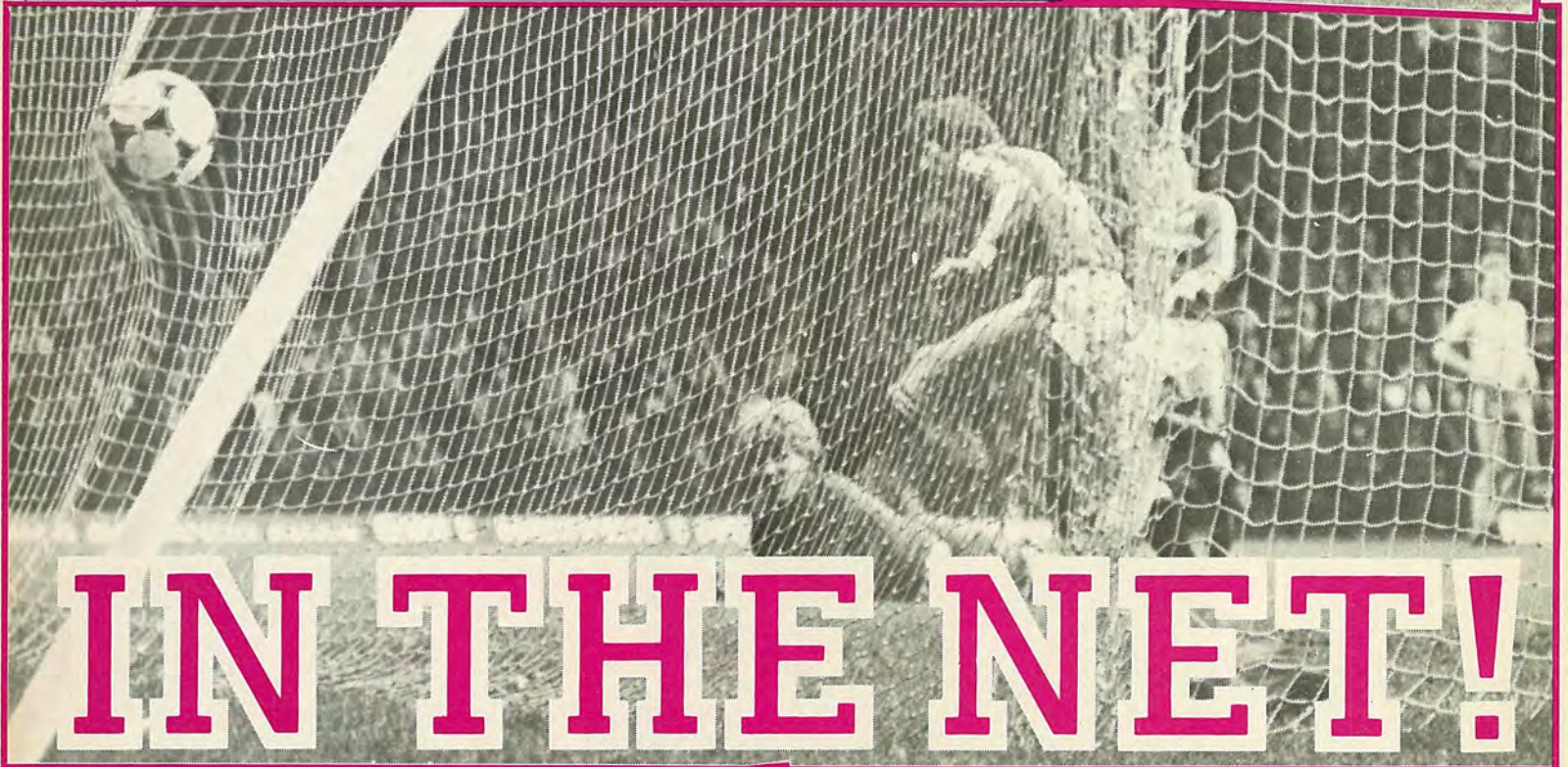
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Above: Stop that! Celtic's Paul McStay (left) blasts the ball into the Dundee United net in a 2-2 Premier Division draw at Tannadice Park.

Right: Arsenal striker Tony Woodcock beats Luxembourg goalkeeper Moes with a diving header to put England three-up in the 9-0 European Championship rout at Wembley.



IN THE NET!

Above: It's a net-bulger for Manchester United midfielder Arnold Muhren as he leaps over Norwich goalkeeper Chris Woods during the 4-0 League victory at Old Trafford.

Below: Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar appears to surrender as Norwich City's John Deehan (9) crashes home Norwich City's winning goal in the 1-0 League victory over the Champions at Carrow Road.



Giant Chelsea skipper Mickey Droy thunders in to head home Chelsea's second goal in the 2-1 Second Division victory over Burnley at Stamford Bridge.



LOOK OUT ARSENAL

ARSENAL beware! The Quarter-Finals of the Milk Cup could provide one of the biggest upsets of the competition so far this season.

I believe that Jack Charlton's Sheffield Wednesday will be able to take all the bullets the Gunners have to fire and could sneak a victory in the tie at Highbury.

'Big Jack' has a well organised side at Wednesday and he will be passing on all his experience of cup ties. His players will be well prepared for battle.

For a Second Division club they play some smashing football and if they can contain the likes of Graham Rix and Tony Woodcock they must be in with a chance.

One of the key players for the 'Owls' could be Gary Megson who I played with during my Plymouth days. If he exerts his influence in mid-field he could be the match winner.

It will certainly be an intriguing and interesting match and if I was going to one of the Quarter-Final games it would be this one.

Another exciting game is in store at Old Trafford where Manchester United play in-form Nottingham Forest.

Brian Clough's men are enjoying a tremendous run at the moment and seem to have turned the clock back a couple of years to the time they won the League and European Cup.

The renewed partnership of Garry Birtles and Ian Wallace seems to have been a key factor in their recent run of success.

This tie throws up an interesting situation with Garry returning to Old Trafford where he had a somewhat lean spell following his £1m transfer. No doubt he will be out to prove a point to the United fans.

United have been a little disappointing this season and have failed to find consistent form. With a squad of players such as they have, I thought they would be pushing Liverpool a bit harder at the top of the First Division.

In Bryan Robson, Ray Wilkins and my old team-mate Arnold Muhren I believe United have the best midfield in the country and they will obviously play a major part in the game.

But Forest also have some great players and if there's a match winner on either side it must be Scottish international winger John Robertson.

I admire 'Robbo' tremendously because he is always prepared to take defenders on and he gives

WEDNESDAY CAN PULL OFF A MILK SHAKER

THE PAUL MARINER COLUMN

The Ipswich and England centre-forward gives his exclusive, no punches pulled verdict on next week's crucial Milk Cup ties . . . and goes for a shock.



excellent service to the front men.

I don't think there will be too many goals in this battle of giants and Forest could take United to a replay.

There should be no need of a replay for Tottenham who probably have the easiest draw of the round at home to struggling Second Division side Burnley.

Spurs are an excellent cup side with a host of great players who should overpower Burnley on the night.

The first 20 minutes of the game could be crucial. If Spurs score a couple early on they could get a hatful with strikers Steve Archibald and Garth Crooks looking to recapture their goal scoring form.

But having said all that, the

cup is full of surprises and anything can happen over ninety minutes — as many First Division teams have found to their cost over the years.

If Burnley can frustrate Spurs and keep a close check on Glenn Hoddle there may be a faint glimmer of hope.

The final tie of the round brings together two of the most attractive sides in the country . . . Liverpool and West Ham.

The home venue should favour Liverpool and I expect them to go through to the Semi-Finals by two clear goals.

West Ham are a great side going forward and have a talented player in Alan Devonshire, who seems to have taken over the role of Trevor Brooking.

But I'm afraid I can't see them upsetting the Liverpool machine which seems to keep rolling on. Even if West Ham's defenders manage to contain Ian Rush and Kenny Dalglish there are always men such as Sammy Lee and Phil Neal likely to score.

Liverpool must be the best team in Europe at the moment and I can only see Forest standing in the way of another cup triumph for Bob Paisley's men.

● Paul Mariner was talking to Melvyn Beck.

PAUL'S PREDICTIONS

Tuesday, January 18

Arsenal 0
Sheffield Wed 1
Liverpool 2
West Ham 0

Wednesday, January 19

Man. United 1
Forest 1
(Forest to win the replay)
Spurs 2
Burnley 0

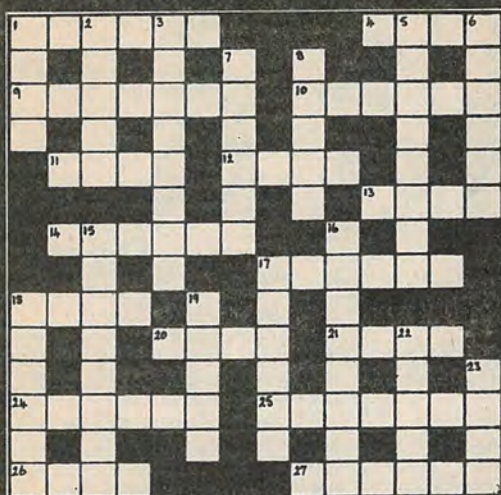


Left: John Robertson — the key to Forest's Wembley hopes.

Inset: Gary Megson — could be Wednesday's matchwinner at Highbury.

SOCCERWORD

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Across

1. Ayr United are nicknamed "The — Men" (6)
4. — Callaghan became manager of Brentford in 1980 (4)
9. One of the managers to have parted from his club this season (7)
10. This famous old England centre-forward played for Burnley, Everton, Chelsea, Notts County, Brentford and Arsenal (6)
11. Famous old Manchester United and Ireland star (4)
12. Defender who helped Watford win promotion last season (4)

13. Whichever side scores the first one takes the lead (4)
14. Mr Tueart, perhaps? (6)
17. He was the top scorer of League goals for Manchester City last season (6)
18. One of soccer's Goddards (4)
20. — Jack joined Norwich from Everton (4)
21. See 1 down
24. This Portsmouth goalie is not called Sir Alan! (6)
25. A defender with Brighton, he moved to QPR last season and played as a scoring midfielder (7)
26. Charlton opened their Jimmy — stand at the start of last season (4)
27. Striker who switched from West Bromwich to Norwich in January (6)

Down

- 1 & 21 across. Plymouth Argyle's ground (4,4)
2. Florence Nightingale was a famous one — so was Mel, the former Boro, Swindon, Swansea and Wales stopper (5)
3. Lisbon club in this season's European Cup (8)
5. 'On the bar' (anagram) — this defender joined Blackburn from Birmingham (8)
6. A biblical man with Wolves? (6)
- 8 & 7. Wolves wear them (they might be embarrassed if they didn't!) (5,6)
15. Get one to cancel out 13 across (8)
16. A special ploy used at corners or free-kicks (3-5)
17. At the end of their contracts, players who do it stay — if managers do it they go! (6)
18. West Ham's number one (6)
19. The direction Preston will take (5)
22. A Division Four player-manager this season (5)
23. Terry and Gerry can be seen in it (4)

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STOP

THE

ACTION

LUTON take on Tottenham at Kenilworth Road on Saturday. With the help of this picture, what can you remember of their previous meeting on the opening day of the season?

- 1 Name the five players pictured.
- 2 What was the score?

- 3 One of the players pictured has established himself as an England regular — who is he and which club did he leave in the close season?



OUR

Sort it out!

SORT out the jumbled letters to unravel these soccer anagrams.

- 1 ETNRIO — Third Division club.
- 2 KHSARES — Nickname of Bury.
- 3 RSOFTE — England World Cup defender.
- 4 OHSAMT — Well known referee.
- 5 ROSECS — Get a goal.
- 6 RYHOTA — Welshman at Bradford.
- 7 NNIBOROS — South Coast striker.
- 8 LAGOS — It's . . . that count!
- 9 ANELRPO — New World Club champions.
- 10 ERBDAEEN — Club of new Scotland goalkeeper.

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SPOT THE LINK...

NAME these First Division players and say what they had in common last month?



MILK CUP TEASER

IT'S the Quarter-Finals of the Milk Cup next week, but how well do you remember the events of the last round?

- 1 Who did Manchester United defeat?
- 2 Who got Sheffield Wednesday's winner against Barnsley?
- 3 Who did Burnley beat?
- 4 Which West Ham player got a hat-trick at Notts County?
- 5 Who was Tottenham's match winner against Luton?
- 6 Who did Nottingham Forest put out?

Scots' corner

MATCH these Scottish Premier Division players with their proper clubs.

- | | |
|------------------|--------------|
| 1 Roy Aitken | a) Dundee |
| 2 Alan Rough | b) Rangers |
| 3 Cammy Fraser | c) Dundee U |
| 4 David Dodds | d) Celtic |
| 5 Craig Paterson | e) Hibernian |

RIDDLE TIME

I STARTED my career in Ireland with Bohemians before joining one of the Manchester clubs in 1973. I then moved to a Midlands First Division club before moving to the North East in 1978 for a six-figure fee. I have made more than 40 appearances for my country. Look out in next week's issue for the identity of our mystery star.

The answer to last week's 'Riddle Time' was Celtic striker Frank McGarvey.

SOLUTIONS

close season.
joined Spurs from Bristol Rovers in the
Brian Stein; 2, 2-2; Gary Mabbutt — he
Mabbutt, John Lacey, Chris Hughton and
are (from left): Steve Perryman, Gary
STOP THE ACTION: 1. Players pictured
Leeds and Luton respectively.
were loaned out to Manchester City.
Neil McNab; C — David Geddis — they
SPOT THE LINK: A — Peter Bodak; B —
Brentford.
Francis Van der Elst; 5. Ricky Villa; 6.
Aberdeen.
MILK CUP TEASER: 1. Southampton; 2.
Robinson; 8. Goals; 9. Penarth; 10.
Foster; 4. Thomas; 5. Scores; 6. Yorath; 7.
SORT IT OUT: 1. Orient; 2. Shakers; 3.
SCOTS' CORNER: 1/d; 2/e; 3/a; 4/c; 5/b.
22. Nichol (Torquay); 23. Ryan (hidden).
sign again or quit; 18. Parkes; 19. North;
equalise; 16. set-piece; 17. resign (i.e.
6. Daniel; 8 & 7. black shorts; 15.
Park; 2. Nurse; 3. Sporting; 5. Rathbone;
27. Beehan. Down: 1 & 21 across. Home
down; 24. Knight; 25. Gregory; 26. Seed;
Reeves; 18. Paul; 20. Ross; 21. See 1.
Best; 12. Rice; 13. goal; 14. Dennis; 17.
Fred; 9. Murdoch (Boro); 10. Lawton; 11.
Soccerword: Across: 1. Honest; 4.

RANGERS were always my team as a boy so I was absolutely delighted when I heard the Glasgow giants were interested in signing me.

It had always been my ambition to make football my career and the prospect of playing for my idols — the team most of my family supported — was too good to be true.

But suddenly it all turned sour and Rangers scrapped the idea of taking me on — apparently because they thought I was a Roman Catholic!

The fact that religion should come into it may surprise football fans outside Glasgow, but up here history dictates that Celtic are the Catholic team and Rangers the Protestant side.

Ironically, if the scout who was checking me out had done his homework, he'd have discovered I was a Protestant.

It's sad that religion should matter at all nowadays but the rule remains firm at Ibrox

REJECTED

— a policy which has cost them dear in the past when players of other religions have come up for grabs.

I'm glad to say Celtic have adopted what I believe is the right attitude.

They will sign anyone as long as he can play and it was Celtic who were to give me my big chance...

Football has always been in my blood. My father Robert was good in his day and played for Hearts before a broken leg ended his career.

I was born in the Finnieston area of Glasgow and every spare moment was spent playing football — usually stuck in goal because I was the smallest!

The games seemed to last forever because half-time was usually dictated by the first team to score ten goals with the eventual winners being the first to 21.

Being very young, I thought that every game was played under such rules. In fact the first time my father took me to Ibrox to watch Rangers I remember worrying how long the game would take to finish.

On the journey to the ground, I consoled myself with the thought that as the players were a lot older than us, they'd perhaps only play up to five goals before half-time, with the winners being the first to 11!

My family eventually moved out of the Finnieston area and moved to a new complex of flats at Drumchapel and that's where my football career really took off.

There were no facilities to play the game — no play areas or football pitches — so we contented ourselves by playing on rubble or hard brick pavements with a tennis ball.

I'm often reminded of those days in Drumchapel when I meet such players as Wolves and Scotland star Andy Gray and Rangers full-back Alex Miller. We all came from there.

But at least being brought up in such a tough neighbourhood taught me to look after myself and no-one takes liberties with me on the field.

I was about ten-years-old when I first realised I had a bit of ability as a player and it was around this time that I joined my first football team. That gave me one of the biggest kicks of my life.

Left: Liverpool superstar Kenny Dalglish in action for Celtic. He joined the club at the same time as me.

Under the guidance of our schoolteacher, we started a team from scratch. At first we didn't have any kit let alone a pitch to play on.

But the teacher, a Mr Johnston, worked very hard to raise money for us and we looked like the bees knees as we took to the pitch in our smart, mini Kilmarnock kit. 'The Killies' were one of the top teams in Scotland at the time and that's why we chose to wear their strip.

Looking smart didn't do us much good, however. My first introduction to 'league' football ended in a 7-0 defeat. That was a taste of things to come and all that season seemed to be a succession of seven or eight goal hammerings.

Even now when I pull on the famous green and white hooped shirt of Celtic, my mind often goes back to those early days when I played for the school team.

The following year we shaped up into the best team in the league and the season ended with me picking up my first ever trophy — the Victoria Shield.

I've since won League Championship, Scottish FA Cup and League Cup winners' medals but I'll always cherish the memory of my first honour. The Victoria Shield victory compares with all of them.

My days at Kingsridge Secondary School meant just one thing to me — football! I dodged work as much as I could and prayed that a club would come in and sign me.

I was earning a reputation as a fair full-back and was selected for trials with Scotland

FACT FILE

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BIRTHDATE: May 1, 1950.
CAREER: Celtic.
LEAGUE DEBUT: August 29, 1970 v Morton.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: 62 full Scottish caps.
HONOURS: League Championship medals 1973, 74, 77, 79, 81 and 82. Scottish FA Cup winners medals: 1974, 75, 77, 80. League Cup winners medals: 1975 and 82.



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Under-18's. Also in the squad was my former Celtic team-mate and now Liverpool superstar, Kenny Dalglish.

We became firm friends in those early days and have been ever since. The ironic thing is that even though we both ended up playing at Parkhead, we were both Rangers fans during our schooldays.

I made my debut for the Under-18 side against Wales at Cardiff on a day when the full Scottish side pulled off one of the most famous results in their history — becoming the first team to beat World Cup holders England following their success in the 1966 Final.

The Scots won 3-2 at Wembley with goals

from Denis Law, Bobby Lennox and Jim McCalliog. The victory was inspired by my boyhood hero Jim Baxter.

Not long after that magnificent victory, the Under-18 side was due to play England at Ibrox and I can remember that we were really determined to make it a double celebration for the Scots.

We had a good team and were full of confidence after the way Jim Baxter and company had won at Wembley. We were ready to give the English youngsters the same treatment. It didn't quite work out that way — we were drubbed 4-1.

After that defeat, my spirits were really low. I'd just been rejected by Rangers and thought

I'd blown my chance of making the grade. The thought that I might have to actually go out and work for a living was beginning to haunt me!

Even though I'd set my heart on playing for a top club, I told my father that I'd sign for the first club who showed an interest in me. I really meant that. If Albion Rovers had come in, I'd have signed for them and it would have been Danny McGrain of Albion not Parkhead.

But then it happened! There was a knock on the door one Saturday evening and standing there was former Celtic 'keeper Sean Fallon. When he asked me to sign I couldn't put pen to paper quickly enough.

Around the same time, a certain Kenny Dalglish was signing on the dotted line for the club, but we weren't given any opportunity to get big-headed about being Celtic players because the club immediately farmed us out to junior clubs.

Kenny was lucky — he went to a team called Cumbernauld United. They were quite good and he scored a lot of goals as his team notched up a few victories.

Me? I wasn't quite so fortunate. I played for Maryhill Juniors and, in the six months I was there, I don't think we won a single game. I

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NEXT WEEK: My Celtic breakthrough

began to wonder what I'd let myself in for.

We might have been one of the worst teams in the Central League but we weren't short of fighters.

I remember that our left-back was built like a battleship and one day, when I was getting a bit of a hard time from an opposing inside forward, he growled from the back: "Leave him to me Danny — I'll get him for you!"

The inside forward's run was his last. He finished up on the pavilion steps looking as if he'd just been hit by a Centurion tank.

Despite our awful record in the League, I must have made some impression on the Maryhill fans because they voted me their player of the year.

When myself and Kenny Dalglish returned to Celtic we were really in the big time — training alongside such household names as Tommy Gemmell, Bobby Murdoch and Billy McNeill.

The team was the toast of Britain at the time. It was 1967 and Celtic had just become the first British team to win the European Cup by beating Inter Milan 2-1 in Lisbon.

The first day I reported for training is one I'll never forget. I got off the bus at Parkhead and my legs suddenly turned to jelly. I never thought I'd make it to the door.

The funny thing is that I still get that wobbly feeling when I approach Parkhead for the first game of a new season.

● Danny McGrain was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.



"Do you mind if we cut out the guff? Now, do you two want to marry each other?"



"I quite fancy a Kevin Keegan cut."



"Don't try anything clever. Just bend the ball round the wall onto the crossbar and I'll blast home the rebound."

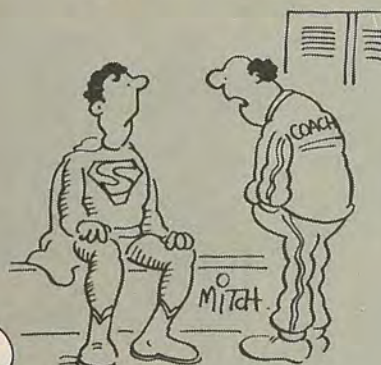


"He wanted to know my name ... but don't worry ... I gave him yours."



"There must be something in the rules about it."

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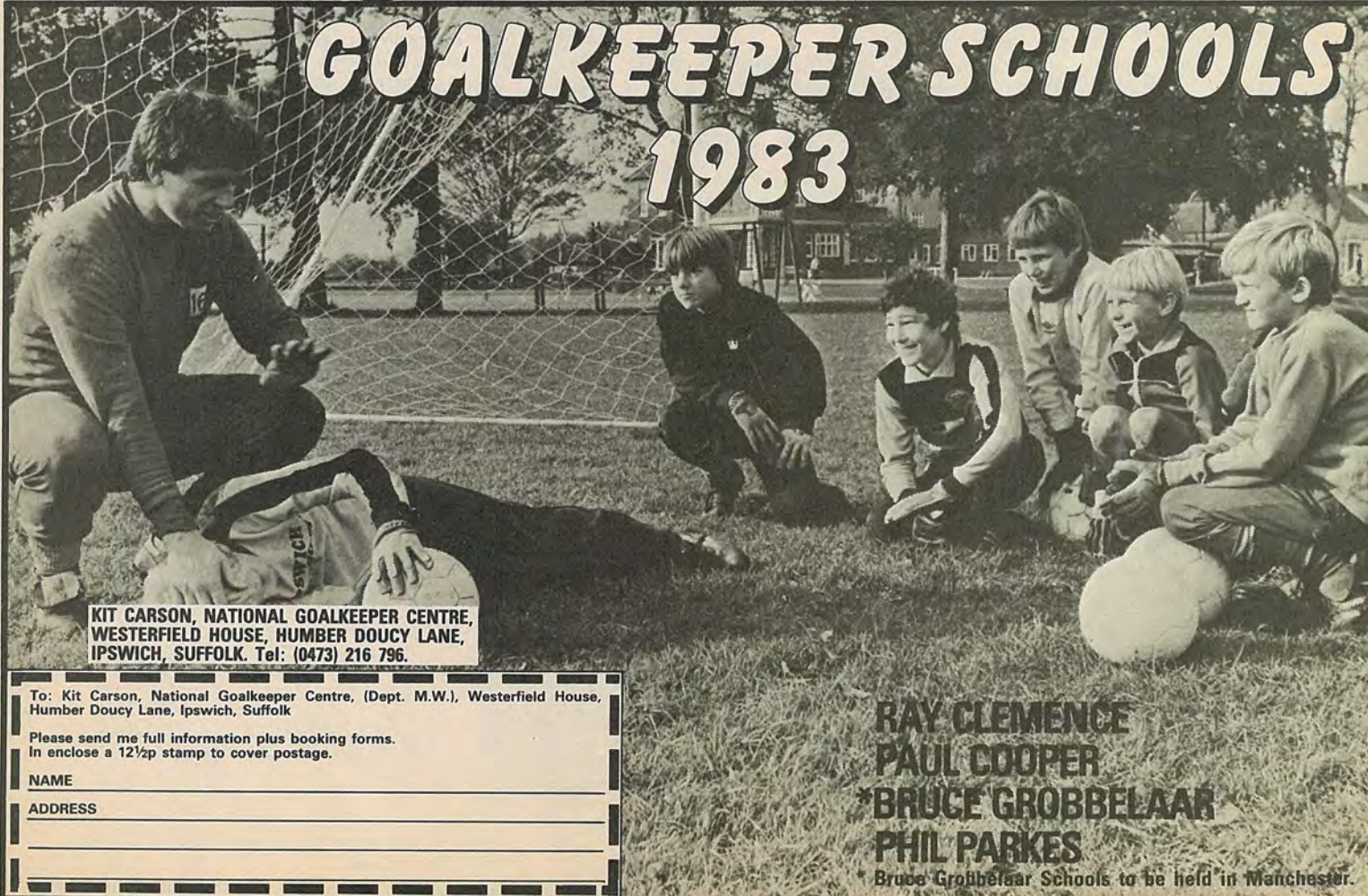


"Sorry pal. The FA have put in a last minute objection to you playing."



"Don't you think it's about time we gave him a game?"

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MATCHMAN OF THE MONTH

REVEALING Match Weekly's prestigious 'Matchman of the Month' awards for December.

The awards are based on marks given to players during League matches contained in our 'Match Facts' section. So it's consistency that counts during any given month. Each of the top players receives an inscribed plaque.

MARTIN'S A MARVEL

MARTIN O'Neill, the midfield inspiration behind Norwich City's survival bid, is 'Match Weekly's' First Division 'Matchman of the Month' for December.

The Northern Ireland summer hero, awarded an MBE in the New Year Honours list, has helped to make the Canaries chirp again at a stage when most pundits were already offering the last rites.

Martin, a winner last season during Norwich's late, incredible run to promotion from the Second Division, has stoked up the fires again for another explosive, fighting sequence.

His late winner in the Boxing Day 'derby' at Ipswich sent the Canaries' fans home singing, and set up the following night's 1-0 win over Luton.

In fact, Norwich completed a one-two last month with young winger Mark Barham finishing second, his three matches earning him an average rating of 7.66.

Among the posse of players sharing third place was Everton loanee Terry Curran, who set the First Division alight on his return after spells with both Sheffield clubs.

And November's winner, Liverpool ace Kenny Dalglish, also continued to turn on the old magic.

● VINCE Hilaire, whose calypso feet looked set to dance into the England team at one stage, seems to be back to his best form after several undistinguished seasons with Crystal Palace.

During last month he was the Second Division club's star man in three of their four games and finished with an impressive average rating of 8.00.

That put him ahead of ageing warhorse Archie Gemmill, who has found a new lease of life under the new regime at Derby.

Those two midfield players, at either end of the experience bracket, had the race to themselves with Grimsby striker Kevin Drinkell and Shrewsbury's Alan Brown heading the chasing group.

● THERE was a photo-finish for honours in Division Three with three players crossing the line together on the mark of 8.00.

Bristol Rovers skipper David Williams, a winner earlier this season, played only three games, and so it was left to Plymouth winger Andy Rogers and Preston goalkeeper Peter Litchfield to fight it out having played four matches each.

In the end, it was Andy, a winner last season, who pinched the award by virtue of having secured three nine-star ratings to Peter's two.

So Andy, an inspiration in Plymouth's recent improved sequence of results, has another 'Match Weekly' honour for his sideboard.

O'NEILL IS TOP OF THE CHARTS

● FORMER Manchester United midfielder Tom Sloan has lifted the Fourth Division award in the colours of Chester.

The Northern Ireland international moved from Old Trafford this season after failing to achieve a regular place in the starting line-up.

But in the quiet backwaters of Chester, he has found his true form and, during December, he achieved an average rating of 7.75 from his four outings.

However, he only just pipped Hull's Brian Marwood by virtue of three star ratings to two.

● MUCH maligned Scottish goalkeeper Alan Rough is back in the limelight after being axed from Jock Stein's international plans.

He has bounced back with his new team Hibernian to win the Scottish Premier Division award.

His four impressive performances during last month for the Edinburgh club yielded him an average of 7.75 and he has already gone some way to repaying the £60,000 Hibs paid for him from Partick.

Right: Martin O'Neill — the First Division's most consistent performer during December.



DIVISION ONE

Player	Games	Average rating
Martin O'Neill (Norwich)	5	7.80
Mark Barham (Norwich)	3	7.66
Terry Curran (Everton)	5	7.60
Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool)	5	7.60
John Chiedozie (Notts Co)	5	7.60
John Barnes (Watford)	5	7.60
Phil Parkes (West Ham)	5	7.60
Chris Turner (Sunderland)	4	7.50

DIVISION TWO

Vince Hilaire (C. Palace)	5	8.00
Archie Gemmill (Derby)	5	7.80
Kevin Drinkell (Grimsby)	5	7.40
Alan Brown (Shrewsbury)	5	7.40

DIVISION THREE

Andy Rogers (Plymouth)	4	8.00
Peter Litchfield (Preston)	4	8.00
David Williams (Bristol R)	3	8.00
Stuart Robertson (Doncaster)	4	7.75
Glenn Cockerill (Lincoln)	4	7.75
Trevor Peake (Lincoln)	4	7.75

DIVISION FOUR

Tom Sloan (Chester)	4	7.75
Brian Marwood (Hull)	4	7.75
Ray Bramhall (Bury)	4	7.50
Geoff Hunter (Port Vale)	4	7.50
Chris Price (Hereford)	4	7.50

SCOTTISH PREMIER

Alan Rough (Hibernian)	4	7.75
Ian Scanlon (St Mirren)	4	7.50
John Duffy (Morton)	4	7.50

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Back row (left to right): Rob Johnson, Wayne Turner, Stacey North, Michael Small, Clive Goodyear, Frank Bunn, Billy Kellock, Paul Walsh.

Middle row: John Moo, Jake Findlay, Alan Jud, Fuccillo, Trevor Hartle

TOWN



re, Richard Money, Mike Saxby, Andy Beasley,
ge, Mark Aizlewood (now Charlton), Lil
y.

Front row: David Coates, Ricky Hill, Mal Donaghy, Kirk Stephens,
Brian Horton, David Pleat (manager), David Moss, Brian Stein, Raddy
Antic, John Sheridan.



WELCOME to Furphy's America — a fascinating and often funny look at Soccer Stateside through the eyes of one man well-qualified in the ups and downs of the football world.

Ken Furphy began his football career as a young player with Everton in the early 50's. Then followed nine seasons with Darlington and subsequently the player-manager's job at Workington — leading the club to promotion in his second season.

He continued in the same role with Watford and led them to the Third Division Championship in 1969.

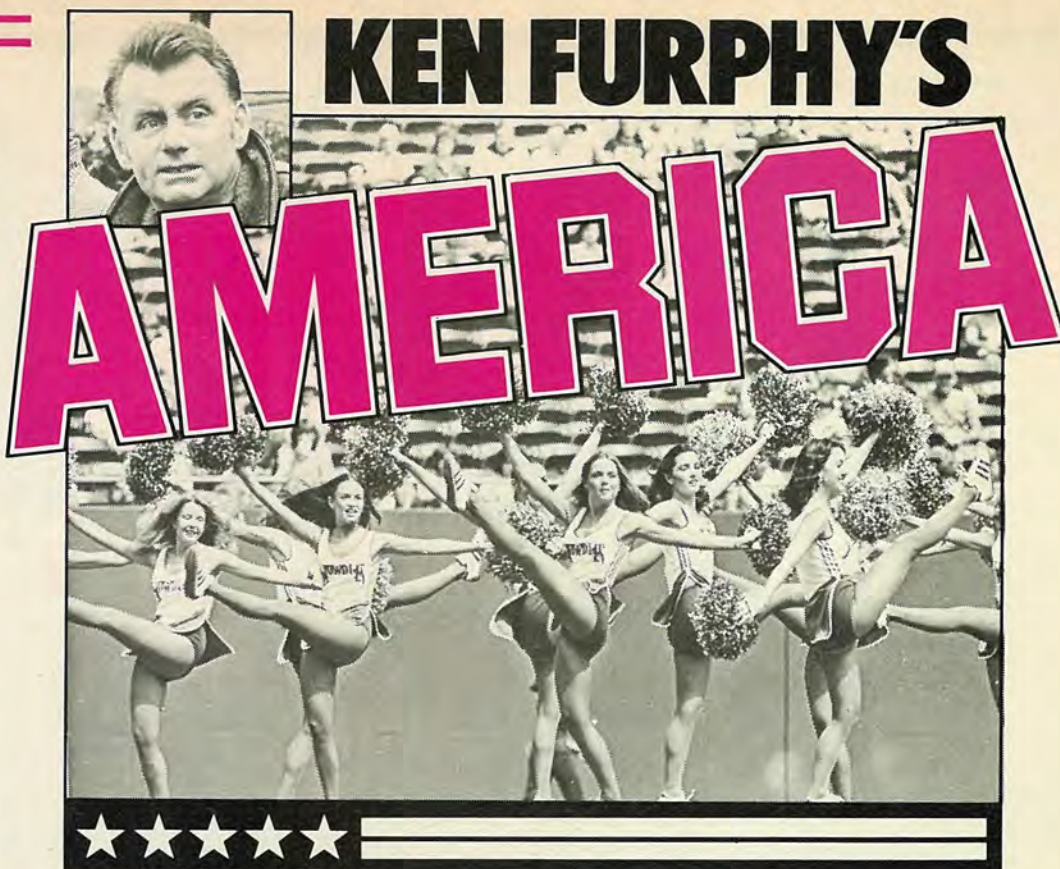
Ken resigned from Watford in 1971 and took the manager's job at Blackburn — moving to the hot seat at Sheffield United two years later.

A qualified FA coach having served time in Africa, Canada and Bermuda, he managed the England Under-23 team for one season under Sir Alf Ramsey.

In season 1975-76, he was asked to resign by Sheffield United and America called.

He was offered the post of head coach to the famous New York Cosmos — subsequently going on to manage Detroit Express and the Washington Diplomats.

In his time Stateside, he worked with such famous names as Pele, Johan Cruyff, Trevor Francis, George Best and former England skipper Bobby Moore and now back in England he is telling all ... exclusive to 'Match'.



A GORILLA BROUGHT THE BALL!

I'LL never forget my debut as head coach of New York Cosmos ... the match ball arrived in the arms of a flying gorilla!

We were in lovely San Diego and the weather was glorious after the rainy, dampness of Sheffield and biting cold of New York City.

We had trained hard for four days and were eager to get started on the first of six pre-season games, taking in San Diego, Dallas, San Antonio, Phoenix, Hawaii and Seattle.

The day of the game arrived and, after a brief loosener, the players were safely in their air-conditioned rooms away from the heat of the afternoon.

Accompanied by my director of playing personnel, Gordon Bradley, I decided to check out the playing venue for the game that evening.

But we were dropped off by taxi at the main gate only to find ourselves locked out.

Remembering my early childhood days, we walked around the ground until we found two youngsters kicking a ball around.

I explained our problem and asked could they show us a way in. It took only a few minutes and a little effort to climb over a fence and breach security.

After the English First Division, the pitch was a nightmare!

It was almost bare of grass, bumpy, brick hard and, worse still, a dozen sprinklers installed in the playing area had left twelve deep holes.

We had no option but to seek two buckets and a pile of sand. Two hours later, the holes were filled and we left, as we arrived, over the wall. It's unlucky to leave by a different way!

The playing surface was shock enough but there was worse to come ...

I decided to have the players change at the hotel and we arrived at the ground for an eight o'clock kick-off with 20 minutes to spare.

The team bus was driven onto the running track behind one goal and, after a short pre-match talk which was greeted, much to my surprise, by a round of applause (an American custom I was later told), we began to file out for the boxing ring style individual introductions.

We were stopped immediately by an anxious field manager, complete with walkie-talkie, who informed me that we were awaiting the

arrival of the match ball.

Apparently it was due to arrive via a chap dressed as a gorilla and flying a helicopter!

So we got back into the bus and, although there were several false alarms due to passing aircraft on the landing approach, it was over an hour before the 'gorilla' arrived and touched down in his helicopter in a whirl of dust on the centre spot.

At last the introductions could begin ...

Skipper Keith Eddy, formerly my captain at Sheffield United, trotted out into the spotlight first followed every few seconds by individually-announced members of the team.

But it was here that things began to go wrong again ...

Standing in the darkness next to the field manager, we sensed together that the announcer had forgotten his brief to announce the fabulous Pele last and despite frantic shouts of "not Pele, not Pele" into his walkie-talkie, sure enough onward went the announcement and Pele was called.

Pele, with a shrug of his shoulders — a characteristic I was to see quite often during the ensuing months, ran onto the field hands held high giving a Churchillian salute to all parts of the ground.

The reception was unbelievable and lasted for several minutes. Meanwhile the field manager had almost suffered a heart attack!

The remaining players were then ushered onto the field in a complete anti-climax.

It was my turn last and, as my name came over the loudspeakers, I walked out only to be stunned by three tremendous explosions high above the field.

A sudden brightness of falling star shells fell towards earth.

There was another loud explosion and I turned round to see a huge firework display now burning out a welcome to 'King Pele'.

I doubt I will ever have a bigger introduction ...

NEXT WEEK: My part in Pele's escape from a mob ... and why the Brazil star's bodyguard always carried a folded newspaper!



Left: The incomparable Pele blowing kisses to the adoring Cosmos crowd.



MATCHFACTS MATCHFACTS

Saturday, Jan. 1 SCOTTISH Premier Division

ABERDEEN (2) 2 (McGhee 20 secs, 24)
HIBERNIAN (0) 0
Att: 14,000
Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Kennedy 6, Rougvie 7,
★BELL 8, McLeish 7, Miller 7, Strachan 6
(sub. Watson 6), Simpson 7, McGhee 7, Black
6 (sub. McCall), Weir 7.
Hibs: Rough 6, Sneddon 7, Turnbull 6 (sub.
Thomson 7), Rae 6, Jamieson 6, McNamara
7, Callaghan 6 (sub. Byrne), ★CONROY 8,
Duncan 6, Rice 6, Murray 6.
Referee: T. Muirhead (Stenhousemuir)
Match Rating: ★★

DUNDEE (0) 0
DUNDEE UNITED (1) 2 (Milne 24, 83)
Att: 18,108
Dundee: Kelly 7, Glennie 6 (sub. Scrimgeour
6), McKimmie 6, Bell 7 (sub. Sinclair 6), Smith
6, ★MACDONALD 8, Ferguson 6,
McGeachie 6, Stephen 6, Mackie 6, Murphy
6.
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Stark 7, Malpas 6,
Gough 7, Hegarty 7, Narey 7, ★BANNON 8,
Milne 7, Reilly 6 (sub. Kirkwood 6), Sturrock
6, Dodds 7.
Referee: H. Alexander (Kilmarnock)
Match Rating: ★★

KILMARNOCK (0) 0
MOTHERWELL (1) 2 (Flavell 44, Mauchlen
85)
Att: 3,300
Kilmarnock: McCulloch 7, McLean 6,
Robertson 6, Clark 6, Armstrong 6, Clarke 7,
McGivern 6, MacLeod 6, ★BOURKE 8,
Cockburn 6 (sub. Simpson 6), Gallagher 6
(sub. Bryson).
Motherwell: Sproat 7, Dornan 6, MacLeod 6,
Carson 7, Edvaldsson 7, ★MAUCHLEN 8,
Flavell 7, Rafferty 6 (sub. Forbes 6), Harrow 7,
McClair 7 (sub. McLaughlin), O'Hara 6.
Referee: A. Ferguson (Giffnock)
Match Rating: ★★

MORTON (1) 2 (Gibson 3, Hutchison 86)
ST MIRREN (0) 0
Att: 5,500
Morton: Baines 7, Houston 6, Holmes 7,
Rooney 7, McLaughlin 6, Duffy 6, ★PAYNE 8
(sub. Docherty), Gibson 7, Hutchison 7,
Cochrane 7, McNab 6.
St Mirren: Thomson 7, Wilson 6, Clarke 6
(sub. Stark 6), Fitzpatrick 7 (sub. McDougall),
Fulton 6, Copland 6, McAvennie 6,
Richardson 7, Summer 6, ★ABERCROMBY
8, Scanlon 7.
Referee: K. Hope (Glasgow)
Match Rating: ★★

RANGERS (1) 1 (Black 24)
CELTIC (1) 2 (McStay 13, Nicholas 70)
Att: 40,000
Rangers: Stewart 7, McKinnon 7, McClelland
7, Stevens 7, Paterson 6, Bett 7, Cooper 6,
Russell 6, Kennedy 7, Black 7 (sub. Redford
6), ★MACDONALD 8.
Celtic: Bonner 8, McGrain 7, Reid 6, Sinclair
7, McAdam 6, MacLeod 6, Provan 8, McStay
6, McGarvey 7, ★BURNS 9, Nicholas 7.
Referee: D. Syme (Rutherglen)
Match Rating: ★★

First Division

ALLOA (0) 0
FALKIRK (1) 2 (Houston 23, 50)
Att: 1,758

CLYDE (0) 0
QUEEN'S PARK (1) 1 (Gilmour 44)
Att: 908

DUMBARTON (0) 0
CLYDEBANK (1) 4 (Hughes 1, Williamson
60, 71, Coyne 89)
Att: 1,000

HAMILTON (0) 0
AIRDRIE (2) 4 (Gordon 3, Flood 10,
McDonagh 62, McGuire 66)
Att: 1,586

HEARTS (1) 1 (Pettigrew 16)
ST JOHNSTONE (0) 0
Att: 14,454

PARTICK (1) 2 (Johnston 13, Park 54)
AYR (1) 2 (Kean 2, McNally 62)
Att: 2,000

PLAYER RATINGS

10 Out of this world
9 Outstanding
8 Excellent
7 Good
6 Adequate
5 Off form
4 Poor

MATCH RATINGS

★★★★★ A classic
★★★★★ Good value
★★★★ Satisfactory
★★★ Dull
★ A waste of money

RAITH (3) 6 (Russell 1, 26, Kerr 43, Thomson
50, Harris 72, Ballantyne 78)
DUNFERMLINE (0) 0
Att: 2,500

Second Division

ALBION (0) 2 (Conn 49, Livingston 62)
STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 (Jenkins 63)
Att: 650

BERWICK (0) 0
MEADOWBANK (0) 0
Att: 430

BRECHIN (1) 4 (Elvin 42, Campbell 50,
Leslie 58, Malone 63)
MONTROSE (0) 0
Att: 770

COWDENBEATH (1) 2 (Gibson 43, 64)
EAST FIFE (3) 4 (Hutt 16, 42, Thomson 31,
Caithness 50)
Att: 750

EAST STIRLING (1) 2 (Watt 7, Gibson 58)
STIRLING (1) 1 (Torrance 28)
Att: 900

FORFAR (1) 1 (McDonald 18)
ARBROATH (1) 1 (Steele 38)
Att: 860

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (2) 6 (Smith 23,
Alexander 28, Cloy 50, Cochrane 61, 68,
Coughlin 80)
STRANRAER (1) 3 (Neil 3, Murdoch 63,
Bryce 87)
Att: 500

Monday, Jan. 3 Division One

ASTON VILLA (1) 2 (Cowans, pen 14, Evans
54)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0
Att: 19,925

Aston Villa: Spink 7, Jones 7, ★WILLIAMS
8, Evans 7, McNaught 7, Mortimer 6,
Bremner 7, Shaw 6, Withe 6, Cowans 6,
Morley 7.
Southampton: Shilton 6, Agboola 7, Mills 6,
Williams 6, ★NICHOLL 8, Wright 7, Holmes
7, Puckett 6 (sub. Cassells 7), Moran 6,
Armstrong 7, Wallace 6.
Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach)
Match Rating: ★★

BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Robinson 71)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1) 1 (Young 42)
Att: 10,402
Brighton: Digweed 8, Ramsey 7, Pearce 7,
Grealish 7, ★FOSTER 9, Stevens 7, Case 6,
Ward 6, Robinson 6, Ryan 6 (sub. Ritchie),
Stille 7.
Nott'm Forest: Sutton 6, Swain 7, Gunn 6,
Todd 7, ★YOUNG 8, Bowyer 7, Proctor 6,
Wallace 6, Davenport 7, Hodge 6, Walsh 7.
Referee: D. Axcell (Southend)
Match Rating: ★★

LIVERPOOL (1) 3 (Rush 28, Souness 53,
Dalglish 70)
ARSENAL (0) 1 (Talbot 85)
Att: 37,713
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 7, Neal 7, Kennedy 8,
Lawrenson 8, Johnston 7, Hansen 7, Dalglish
8, Lee 8, Rush 8, ★HODGSON 9, Souness 7.
Arsenal: Jennings 7, Hollins 6, Sansom 7,
★TALBOT 8, O'Leary 6, Robson 6, Nicholas
6, Chapman 5, Petrovic 6, Woodcock 6, Rix 5.
Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle)
Match Rating: ★★

MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 0
WEST BROM (0) 0
Att: 39,123
Man Utd: Bailey 6, Duxbury 6, Albiston 6,
★MOSES 8, Moran 6, McQueen 6, Robson
6, Muhren 6, Stapleton 7, Whiteside 6,
Coppell 6.
West Brom: Barron 7, Whitehead 6, Statham
7, Zondervan 7, Wile 6, Robertson 6, Jol 6,
Bennett 7, ★REGIS 8, Owen 6, Eastoe 6.
Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)
Match Rating: ★★

NORWICH (0) 1 (Channon 58)
SWANSEA (0) 0
Att: 16,296
Norwich: Woods 7, Haylock 7, Downs 6,
★MENDHAM 8, Walford 7, Watson 7,
Barham 7, O'Neill 7, Channon 7, Bertschin 6,
Deehan 7.
Swansea: Davies 6, Robinson 6 (sub. Stanley
7), Hadziabdic 7, ★LEWIS 8, Evans 7,
Rajkovic 6, Curtis 7, James 7, Mahoney 6,
Stevenson 6, Latchford 6.
Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)
Match Rating: ★★

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0
SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (Cummins 29)
Att: 9,327
Notts County: Avramovic 7, Benjamin 6,
Worthington 6, Hunt 5, Kilcline 6,
★RICHARDS 8, Chiedoie 6, Fashanu 6,
McCulloch 6, Goodwin 5 (sub. Hooks 6), Mair
6.
Sunderland: ★TURNER 8, Nicholl 7,
Pickering 7, Atkins 7, Chisholm 7, Hindmarch
7, Venison 6, Buckley 6, West 6, Cooke 7,
Cummins 7.
Referee: R. Bridges (Deeside)
Match Rating: ★★

STOKE (0) 1 (Painter 76)
BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Phillips 18)
Att: 15,428
Stoke: ★FOX 9, Parkin 6, Hampton 7,
Bracewell 6, Watson 6, Berry 6, Painter 7,
McIlroy 7, O'Callaghan 8, Thomas 7,
Chamberlain, M 7 (sub. Maskery 6).
Birmingham: Coton 6, Langan 5, Dennis 6,
Stevenson 6, Blake 6, Broadhurst 6,
★DILLON 9, Phillips 7, Harford 6, Curbishley
7, Handysides 6.
Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Langan (Birmingham)

TOTTENHAM (1) 2 (Gibson 22, 79)
EVERTON (0) 1 (Sharp 58)
Att: 28,455
Spurs: Clemence 7, Hughton 8, O'Reilly 7,
Mazzone 6, Webster 7, Perryman 6, Brooke 6,
★ARCHIBALD 9, Gibson 8, Hoddle 6, Dick 7.
Everton: Arnold 6, Stevens 7, Bailey 6,
Ratcliffe 7, Higgins 7, McMahon 7, Curran 6,
Sharp 6, Johnson 7, Reid 7, ★SHEEDY 8.
Referee: D. A. Hedges (Oxford)
Match Rating: ★★

WATFORD (2) 2 (Gilligan 26, 38)
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0
Att: 20,049
Watford: Sherwood 7, Rice 6, Rostron 7,
★TAYLOR 9, Sims 6, Bolton 7, Callaghan 7,
Blissett 7, Giligan 7, Jackett 8, Barnes 7.
Man City: Corrigan 7, Ranson 6, McDonald 7,
Reid 6, Power 7, Bond 7, Tueart 6, ★REEVES
8, Kinsey 7, Hartford 7, Bodak 7.
Referee: J. E. Martin (Alton)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

BURNLEY (1) 1 (Scott 44)
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Shearer 64)
Att: 9,139
Burnley: O'Rourke 6, Laws 7, Donachie 6,
Walsh 7, Phelan 7, Flynn 7, Holt 6, Steven 6,
★HAMILTON 8, Taylor 6, Scott 6.
Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Ward 6 (sub.
Cochrane 6), Bolton 6, Baxter 7, Nattrass 7,
Otto 5, Wood 7, ★SUGRUE 8, Kennedy 6,
Shearer 6, Bell 6.
Referee: N. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★

CAMBRIDGE (1) 2 (Mayo 9, Reilly 59)
BLACKBURN (0) 0
Att: 3,471
Cambridge: ★WEBSTER 8, Fisher 6,
Murray 6, Turner 6, Fallon 6, O'Neill 6,
Cartwright 6, Spriggs 6, Reilly 7, Mayo 7,
Finney 6.
Blackburn: Gennoe 6, Branagan 6, Rathbone
6, Arnott 6, Mail 6, Fazackerley 6, Miller 6,
Lowey 6, Bell 6, ★GARNER 7, Brotherston
6.
Referee: J. A. Moules (Ongar)
Match Rating: ★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 1 (Hinshelwood, pen
53)
ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Gow 15)
Att: 7,704
Crystal Palace: Fry 7, Gilbert 6, Lovell 6,
★NEBBELING 8, Canon 7, Hinshelwood 6,
Giles 6, Hughton 6, Jones 6, Langley 6,
Hilaire 7.
Rotherham: Mountford 6, Forrest 6, Henson
7, Seasman 6, Hughes 6, Green 7, Townner 6,
★GOW 8, Moore 6 (sub. Fern 6), Walker 7,
McBride 7.
Referee: J. C. Deakin (Bedford)
Match Rating: ★★

DERBY (1) 2 (Mills 36, Swindlehurst 56)
QPR (0) 0
Att: 14,007
Derby: Cherry 7, Barton 6, Attley 6, Gemmill
7, Foster 5, McAlle 7, Broily 6, ★DAVISON
8, Richards 6, Swindlehurst 6, Mills 6.
QPR: Hucker 7, Neill 5, Dawes 5, ★ROEDER
8, Hazell 6, Fenwick 6, Micklewhite 5, Sealy
5, Allen 6, Flanagan 5, Gregory 5 (sub.
Stewart 5).
Referee: B. Newsome (Shropshire)
Match Rating: ★★

FULHAM (0) 2 (Davies 56, Thomas 84)
SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Cross 4)
Att: 7,786
Fulham: Peyton 7, Hopkins 6, Lock 6 (sub.
Thomas), O'Driscoll 7, Brown 7, Gale 7,
Davies 6, Wilson 6, Coney 7, Houghton 7,
★LEWINGTON 8.
Shrewsbury: Ogrizovic 7, Williams 6,
Johnson 7, Petts 7, Pearson 7, Griffin 7,
★CROSS 8, Leonard 6, Brown 7, McNally 7
(sub. Bates), Stevens 6.
Referee: M. J. Taylor (Kent)
Match Rating: ★★

GRIMSBY (1) 2 (Drinkell 41, Ford 81)
CARLISLE (1) 1 (Bannon 24)
Att: 6,377
Grimsby: Batch 7, Moore, D 7, Crombie 6,
Waters 8, Cooper 7, Moore, K 6, Ford 7,
★WHYMARK 9, Drinkell 8, O'Dell 6,
Cumming 7.
Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Parker 6, Haigh 8,
★ASHURST 9, Rushbury 6 (sub. Hornsby),
Houghton 5, Lee 6, Craig 5, Poskett 4, Bannon
6, Shoulder 6.
Referee: R. A. Banks (Manchester)
Match Rating: ★★

LEICESTER (1) 3 (Lineker 25, 89, Smith, A
60)
CHELSEA (0) 0
Att: 13,745
Leicester: Wallington 6, Ramsey 6, Williams
6, MacDonald 7, May 7, O'Neill 6, Smith, B 5,
★LINEKER 8, Smith, A 6, Kelly 6 (sub. Lynex
6), Wilson 6.
Chelsea: ★FRANCIS 7, Jones 5, Hutchins 5,
Chivers 5, Droy 5, Pates 6, Walker 6,
Bumstead 6, Speedie 5, Fillery 6, Rhoades-
Brown 6 (sub. Lee).
Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
Match Rating: ★★

NEWCASTLE (0) 2 (Martin 89, Waddle 90)
BOLTON (1) 2 (Foster 10, Thompson 90)
Att: 23,455
Newcastle: Carr 7, Anderson 7, Wharton 7,
Martin 6, Clarke 7, Haddock 7, ★KEEGAN 8,
Gayle 6, Waddle 7, McDermott 6, McCreery 6
(sub. McDonald 6).

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Bolton: McDonagh 7, Whitworth 7, Bennett 6, Henry 7, Jones 7, Deakin 6, Chandler 7, Whatmore 6, Foster 7, ★**HOGGAN 8**, Thompson 7.
Referee: J. M. Key (Rotherham)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: McDermott (Newcastle)

OLDHAM (1) 1 (Heaton 8)
BARNLEY (0) 1 (Parker 67)
Att: 3,382
Oldham: Gorum 6, Hoolickin 6, Ryan 7, Bowden 6, ★**CLEMENTS 8**, Fletcher 7, McDonough 6, Atkinson 7, Heaton 6, Wylde 6, Palmer 7.
Barnley: Pierce 6, Joyce 6, Chambers 6, Glavin 6, Banks 6, McCarthy 7, Law 6, Parker 7, Ronson 7, ★**CUNNINGHAM 8**, Birch 6.
Referee: N. Peck (Kendal)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Bowden (Oldham)

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (1) 5 (McCulloch 6, 60, Bannister 54, Gritt, og 64, Lyons 69)
CHARLTON (3) 4 (Robinson 12, 61, White 20, Harris 35)
Att: 11,799
Sheff Wed: Bolder 8, Sterland 6, Bailey 6 (sub. Mills 7), Smith 7, Lyons 7, Shelton 8, Megson 7, Taylor 6, ★**BANNISTER 9**, McCulloch 8, Pearson 6.
Charlton: Johns 7, Gritt 6, Aizlewood 7, McAllister 6, Elliott 7, Berry 6, Simonsen 7, ★**HARRIS 8**, White 7, Bullivant 7, Robinson 7.
Referee: N. L. Wilson (Morecambe)
Match Rating: ★★

WOLVES (1) 3 (Clarke 31, Gray 70, Eves 82)
LEEDS (0) 0
Att: 22,567
Wolves: ★**BURRIDGE 8**, Humphrey 7, Palmer 7, Smith 6, Pender 6 (sub. Coy), Dodd 7, Hibbitt 7, Clarke 7, Gray 7, Eves 7, Matthews 6.
Leeds: Lukic 7, Aspin 6, Gray 7 (sub. Hird 7), Sheridan 7, Hart 7, Burns 6, McNab 6, ★**CONNOR 8**, Butterworth 7, Thomas 6, Graham 7.
Referee: E. J. Scales (Ware)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

BRADFORD (1) 1 (Mellor 30)
GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Weatherly 16)
Att: 4,294
Bradford: McManus 6, Podd 7, ★**CHAPMAN 8**, Lester 7, Cooke 7, Cherry 7, Ellis 7, Gray 7, Campbell 6, McNiven 6, Mellor 6 (sub. Jackson 7).
Gillingham: Hillyard 6, Sharpe 7, Adams 7, Bruce 6, Shaw 7, ★**TYDEMAN 8**, White 6, Johnson 6 (sub. Sinton 6), Cascarino 6, Weatherly 6, Price 7.
Referee: P. Tydelsley (Stockport)
Match Rating: ★★

BRENTFORD (0) 1 (Bowles, pen 54)
CARDIFF (2) 3 (Gibbins 12, Hemmerman 45, 62)
Att: 7,602
Brentford: ★**ROCHE 8**, Rowe 6, Strong 6, Booker 5, Whitehead 5, Hurllock 6, Walker 5, Joseph 7, Johnson 5, Bowles 5, Roberts 5.
Cardiff: Dibble 7, Jones 7, Mullen 8, Tong 8, Dwyer 6, ★**BENNETT 9**, Giles 7 (sub. Bodin 6), Gibbins 7, Hatten 6, Hemmerman 8, Lewis 7.
Referee: A. W. Grey (Gt. Yarmouth)
Match Rating: ★★

CHESTERFIELD (3) 5 (Henderson 5, 7, Wilson 10, 69, Windridge 56)
WREXHAM (0) 1 (Savage 82)
Att: 2,805
Chesterfield: Gregory 7, Bellamy 7, Partridge 7, Wilson 7, Green 7, Pollard 7, Plummer 8, ★**WINDRIDGE 9**, Henderson 8, Kowalski 6, Kendall 7.
Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 6, King 5, Bater 5, Savage 6, Doman 5, Keay 5, ★**ARKWRIGHT 7**, Gregory 6, Hunt 6, Bremner 6, Baker 5 (sub. Edwards 6).
Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★

DONCASTER (1) 2 (Snodin, G 8, pen 82)
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Morgan 57)
Att: 3,298
Doncaster: Peacock 7, Russell 6, Watson 6, ★**SNODIN 19**, Humphries 6, Wiggington 6, Mell 5, Owen 6, Austin 8, Snodin, G 7, Lister 5 (sub. Douglas).
Bournemouth: Allen 8, Heffernan 6, Sulley 6, Spackman 8, Brignull 5, Nightingale 6, Funnell 7, Williams 6 (sub. Graham), Morgan 7, ★**LEE 9**, Munde 6.
Referee: A. Robinson (Manchester)
Match Rating: ★★

LINCOLN (2) 3 (Shipley 3, Bell 19, Turner 64)
PRESTON (0) 0
Att: 5,891
Lincoln: Felgate 6, Simmonite 7, Neale 7, Cockerill 7, Peake 8, Thompson 7 (sub. Carr), Burke 7, Turner 7, Hobson 7, Bell 7, ★**SHIPLEY 9**.
Preston: Litchfield 7, Kelly 6, McAtee 6, O'Riordan 5, Coleman 5, Gowing 6, Walsh 6, Sayer 6, ★**ELLIOTT 8**, Bruce 6, Houston 7.
Referee: D. Lloyd (Fernhill Heath)
Match Rating: ★★

NEWPORT (2) 2 (Gwyther 18, Elsey 37)
MILLWALL (1) 2 (Neal 35, Aylott 77)
Att: 4,017
Newport: Plumley 7, Jones 6, Relish 6, Bailey 6 (sub. Davies), Boyle 6, Stroud 6, ★**ELSEY 8**, Gwyther 7, Tynan 7, Vaughan 6, Moore 6.
Millwall: Sansome 6, Stevens 7, Stride 6, ★**MADDEN 8**, Allardice 7, Roberts 6, Shinton 7, Neal 7, Aylott 7, Martin 6, Chatterton 6.
Referee: V. Callow (Solihull)
Match Rating: ★★

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READING (0) 0
OXFORD (2) 3 (Vinter 1, Lawrence 41, 67)
Att: 6,154
Reading: ★**JUDGE 6**, Tutty 4, Richardson 5, Beavon 5, Hicks 4, Wood 4, Bason 4, Earles 4, Doherty 4, Sanchez 5 (sub. Start 5), O'Sullivan 4.
Oxford: Butcher 7, Linney 7, Smithers 7, Jones 8, Fogg 7, Shotton 7, ★**LAWRENCE 9**, Foley 8 (sub. Train), Vinter 7, Hebbard 8, Barrett 8.
Referee: D. V. Reeves (Uxbridge)
Match Rating: ★★

SOUTHEND (1) 1 (Phillips 4)
EXETER (1) 1 (Marker 25)
Att: 3,570
Southend: Cawston 7, Stead 7, Yates 6, Hadley 7, Otulakowski 7, Moody 7, Pountney 7, ★**PHILLIPS 8**, Mercer 6, Clark 6, Greaves 6 (sub. Nelson 6).
Exeter: ★**BOND 8**, Rogers, M 7, Viney 7, Sparrow 7, Marker 7, McEwan 7, Neville 7, Rogers, P 6, Gibson 7, Delve 6 (sub. Howarth 7), Pullar 6.
Referee: B. Hill (Kettering)
Match Rating: ★★

WIGAN (0) 2 (Lowe 72, Butler 75)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0
Att: 7,724
Wigan: Tunks 6, McMahon 6, Glenn 6, Cribble 6, Walsh 6, Methven 7, Sheldon 6 (sub. Lowe 7), Barrow 7, ★**BUTLER 9**, O'Keefe 7, Weston 7.
Huddersfield: Cox 6, Brown 7, Burke 6, Stanton 6, Sutton 6, Harvey 6, ★**LILLIS 8**, Doyle 7, Russell 7, Wilson 6, Cowling 7.
Referee: D. W. Civil (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

BLACKPOOL (0) 0
PETERBOROUGH (1) 3 (Gynn 28, Clarke 73, Cooke 76)
Att: 2,388
Blackpool: Hesford 6, Bardsley 7, Pritchett 6, Deary 6, Hetzke 6, Serella 5, Stewart 6, Jeffrey 5, ★**BAMBER 8**, Pashley 6, Downes 6.
Peterborough: Seaman 8, Winters 7, Collins 7, ★**GYNN 9**, Firm 7, Slack 6, Clarke 7, Rodaway 7, Cooke 7, Benjamin 7, Quow 7 (sub. Chard 7).
Referee: M. Heath (Stoke)
Match Rating: ★★

BURY (0) 1 (Gore, pen 90)
NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Syrett 4)
Att: 3,398
Bury: Brown 6, Gardner 6, Halliday 6, Bramhall 7, Davies 7, ★**POTTS 8** (sub. Butler 6), Gore 5, Jakub 5, Parker 5, Madden 6, Firth 7.
Northampton: Freeman 7, Tucker 5, Burrows 7, ★**GAGE 8**, Phillips 6, Coffill 6, Saxby 6, Buchanan 6, Massey 5, Syrett 6, Muir 5 (sub. Heeley).
Referee: F. Roberts (Prestatyn)
Match Rating: ★★

COLCHESTER (3) 4 (Adcock 22, 85, Allinson 14, Wignall 44)
HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 (Brown 19)
Att: 2,239
Colchester: Chamberlain 6, Cook 7, Ward 6, Longhorn 6 (sub. Groves), Wignall 6, Keith 6, Allinson 6, Osborne 6, ★**McDONOUGH 8**, Adcock 7, Hull 7.

Hartlepool: Wright 6, Smithies 6, Stimpson 6, Brown 6, Parker 5, Linighan 6, ★**STAFF 7**, Smith 5 (sub. Borthwick 6), Linacre 6, Lawrence 5, Johnson 6.
Referee: M. James (Horsham)
Match Rating: ★★

CREWE (1) 3 (Evans 29, Cliss 49, Moore 70)
STOCKPORT (0) 0
Att: 2,508
Crewe: Smith 7, Moore 7, Bowers 8, Craven 7, Scott 7, Purdie 8, Haslegrave 7, Palios 8, Waller 6, Evans 8, ★**CLISS 9**.
Stockport: Lloyd 6, Rutter 7, Sherlock 6, ★**EMERSON 8**, Sword 6, Thorpe 6, Smith 6, Phillips 7, Quinn 6, Power 6 (sub. Bowles 6), Coyle 6.
Referee: J. E. Bray (Hinckley)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Quinn (Stockport)

DARLINGTON (2) 2 (Walsh 13, 35)
BRISTOL CITY (2) 2 (Chandler 9, Garland 45)
Att: 1,425
Darlington: Cuff 6, Liddle 6, Young 7, Smith 5, Rhodes 6, Kamara 6, Gilbert 5, McLean 6, Honour 5, ★**WALSH 8**, McFadden 7.
Bristol City: Shaw 7, Williams 6, ★**JOHNSON 8**, Nicholls 6, Phillips 6, Masters 5 (sub. Newman 6), Riley 6, Garland 7, Ritchie 6, Cooper 7, Chandler 7, Crawford 6.
Referee: D. Scott (Burnley)
Match Rating: ★★

HALIFAX (1) 3 (Spooner, pen 45, Nuttall 77, Allatt 82)
TORQUAY (0) 0
Att: 1,776
Halifax: Smelt 7, Nobbs 7, Wood 7, Evans 7, Smith 6, Hendrie 7, Ward 6, ★**SPOONER 8**, Allatt 7, Nuttall 7, Staniford 7.
Torquay: ★**HORN 8**, Doyle 7, Wilson 6, Sheridan 6, Little 7, Hughes 6, Young 6, O'Donnell 6, Cooper 6, Anderson 6, Gallagher 6.
Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)
Match Rating: ★★

HEREFORD (1) 2 (Phillips 39, Price 81)
ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (Banton, pen 69)
Att: 1,992
Hereford: Rose 7, ★**PRICE 8**, Bray 7, Hicks 7, Pejic 7, Crabbe 6, Harvey 6, Bartley 6, Phillips 7, McNeil 6, White 7.
Aldershot: ★**JOHNSON 8**, Shrubbs 7, Gillard 7, Scott 7, Waller 6, Jopling 6, Lucas 6, Banton 7, Sanford 5, McDonald 6, Brodie 6 (sub. Fielder 6).
Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
Match Rating: ★★

MANSFIELD (3) 3 (Nicholson 7, Dungworth, 11, pen 32)
HULL (0) 1 (Marwood 78)
Att: 4,516
Mansfield: Arnold 6, Blackhall 5, Kennedy 6, Bell 5, Ayre 6, Calderwood 6, Matthews 7, Hutchinson 6, ★**DUNGWORTH 8**, Caldwell 6 (sub. Woodhead), Nicholson 6.
Hull: Davies 5, Swann 5, Askew 6, Roberts, D 5, Skipper 6, Booth 6, Marwood 6, McClaren 6, Whitehurst 5 (sub. Flounders 5).
★MUTRIE 7, Roberts, G 5
Referee: T. Fitzharris (London)
Match Rating: ★★

PORT VALE (2) 2 (Greenhoff 37, Moss 40)
YORK (0) 1 (Busby 72)
Att: 6,056
Port Vale: Southall 7, Tarr 7, Bromage 7, Hunter 7, Sproson 8, Cegielski 7, ★**FOX 9**, Moss 8, Newton 7, Greenhoff 6, Ridley 6.
York: Astbury 7, Evans 7 (sub. Laverick), Hay 5, Sbragia 6, Smith 7, Hood 6, Ford 6, Crosby 7, Busby 7, Byrne 7, ★**POLLARD 8**.
Referee: R. G. Milford (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★

ROCHDALE (3) 4 (Mooney, og 1, Hilditch 12, McElhinney 21, Martinez 70)
TRANMERE (1) 2 (Ferguson 15, Kerr 82)
Att: 1,758
Rochdale: Pearce 7, Nicholson 7, Snookes 7, Farrell 7, McElhinney 7, Williams 8, ★**THOMPSON 9**, Greaves 7 (sub. Welling 6), French 7, Hilditch 6, Martinez 6.
Tranmere: Endersby 7, Brown, B 6, Burgess 6, Mooney 6, ★**HAMILTON 8**, Williams 6, Ferguson 7, Aspinall 6, Kerr 7, Brown, O 6 (sub. Powell 6), Griffiths 6.
Referee: K. S. Hackett (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★

SWINDON (1) 2 (Rowland 9, Rideout, pen 75)
SCUNTHORPE (2) 2 (Parkinson 19, Cammack 25)
Att: 6,728
Swindon: Allan 7, ★**BAILEY 8**, Baddeley 6, Emmanuel 6, Lewis 6, Graham 6, Pritchard 5, Batty 5, Rideout 6, Rowland 7, Barnard 7.
Scunthorpe: Neenan 6, Oates 7, Pointon 6, Fowler 6, Baines 7, Hunter 7, O'Berg 6, ★**CAMMACK 8**, Cowling 7, Angus 6, Parkinson 7.
Referee: T. W. Ward (London)
Match Rating: ★★

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SCOTTISH

Premier Division

CELTIC (1) 2 (Burns 25, Nicholas 56)
DUNDEE (0) 2 (Sinclair 62, 78)
 Att: 16,615
Celtic: Bonner 7, McGrain 6, Reid 7,
***SINCLAIR** 8, McAdam 7, MacLeod 6,
 Provan 7, McStay 6, McGarvey 6, Burns 7,
 Nicholas 6.
Dundee: Kelly 6, Glennie 6, Scrimgeour 7,
 Bell 7, Smith 6, MacDonald 7, Ferguson 7,
 Stephen 6, ***SINCLAIR** 8, Mackie 6, Murphy 7.
Referee: A. Ferguson (Giffnock)
Match Rating: ★★

DUNDEE UNITED (0) 0
ABERDEEN (2) 3 (Simpson 27, Weir 43,
 McGhee 88)
 Att: 17,852
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Stark 6, Malpas 6
 (sub. Holt), Gough 7, Hegarty 7, ***NAREY** 8,
 Bannan 6, Milne 6, Kirkwood 7 (sub. Reilly 6),
 Sturrock 6, Dodds 6.
Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Kennedy 7, Rougvie 6,
 Cooper 7, McLeish 7, ***MILLER** 8, Strachan
 6 (sub. Black 6), Simpson 7 (sub. McMaster
 6), McGhee 7, Bell 6, Weir 6.
Referee: B. McGinley (Balforn)
Match Rating: ★★

HIBERNIAN (1) 1 (Duncan 45)
ST MIRREN (1) 1 (Sneddon, og 60)
 Att: 6,080
Hibs: Rough 7, Sneddon 6, Turnbull 6, Rae 7,
 Jamieson 6, McNamara 7, Conroy 7,
***THOMSON** 8, Duncan 6, Rice 6, Murray 7.
St Mirren: Thomson 7, Wilson 6, Abercromby
 7, Walker 6, Fulton 7, Charnley 6, ***STARK**
 8, Richardson 7, McDougall 6, McAvennie 6,
 Logan 7.
Referee: W. P. Knowles (Inverurie)
Match Rating: ★★

MORTON (1) 3 (Rooney 30, McNab 55,
 Hutchison 75)
KILMARNOCK (0) 0
 Att: 3,500
Morton: Baines 6, Houston 7, ***HOLMES** 8,
 Rooney 7, McLaughlin 7, Duffy 6, Payne 6,
 Gibson 6, Hutchison 7, Cochran 7, McNab 6.
Kilmarnock: McCulloch 6, McLean 6,
 Robertson 6, Clark, J. 7, Armstrong 6, Clark, R.
 6, McGivern 7, Clarke 7, ***GALLAGHER** 8,
 Stimpson 6, Clinging 7.
Referee: A. Waddell (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★

MOTHERWELL (1) 3 (McClair 4, 62, 73)
RANGERS (0) 0
 Att: 11,383
Motherwell: Sproat 7, Dornan 6, Forsyth 7,
 Carson 7, Edvaldsson 7, Mauchlen 7, Flavell
 6, Rafferty 7, Harrow 6, ***McCLAIR** 8,
 O'Hara 7.
Rangers: Stewart 6, McKinnon 6,
***McCLELLAND** 8, Stevens 6, Paterson 6,
 Bett 6, Cooper 6, Russell 7, Kennedy 6, Black
 6, MacDonald 7.
Referee: E. Pringle (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★

First Division

AIRDRIE (0) 0
HEARTS (0) 1 (Pettigrew 53)
 Att: 5,000
AYR (0) 2 (Dempsey, og 74, McNally 80)
CLYDE (0) 0
 Att: 1,704
CLYDEBANK (0) 2 (McGhie 78, Williamson
 88)
HAMILTON (0) 1 (Treanor, og 55)
 Att: 655
DUNFERMLINE (1) 2 (Morrison 28, 85)
ALLOA (0) 0
 Att: 1,450
FALKIRK (0) 2 (Houston 67, Herd 81)
RAITH (0) 0
 Att: 2,000
QUEEN'S PARK (0) 2 (Crawley 77, 83)
DUMBARTON (1) 1 (Montgomery 9)
 Att: 740
ST JOHNSTONE (1) 1 (Brogan 44)
PARTICK (0) 0
 Att: 4,755

Second Division

ARBROATH (0) 0
BRECHIN (1) 3 (Campbell 3, Fleming 65,
 Elvin 71)
 Att: 1,422
EAST FIFE (0) 0
BERWICK (0) 1 (Porter 60)
 Att: 884
MONTROSE (1) 1 (Turnbull 8)
FORFAR (1) 2 (Clark 15, McDonald 76)
 Att: 600
STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 2 (Murray 65, Munn
 88)
EAST STIRLING (1) 2 (Grant 24, Rennie 84)
 Att: 650
STIRLING (0) 2 (Torrance 68, Colquhoun 87)
COWDENBEATH (1) 2 (Ferguson 8,
 McIntosh 46)
 Att: 770
STRANRAER (1) 1 (Neil 10)
ALBION (4) 5 (Livingston 19, Gibson 36, 44,
 Evans 37, Conn 73)
 Att: 650

Tuesday, Jan. 4

Division One

WEST HAM (1) 2 (Cottee 20, Clark 65)
LUTON (1) 3 (Walsh 38, 73, 89)
 Att: 21,435
West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 6, Gallagher 6,
 Dickens 7, Martin 7 (sub. Morgan),
 Devonshire 7, Van der Elst 6, Cottee 7, Clark
 6, Allen 7, ***PIKE** 8.
Luton: Findlay 7, Stephens 7, Thomas 7,
 Horton 8, Goodyear 7, Donaghy 7, ***HILL** 9,
 Bunn 7 (sub. Kellock), Walsh 8, Turner 7,
 Moss 7.
Referee: T. D. Spencer (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

BRISTOL ROVERS v SHEFFIELD UNITED
 — Match Postponed

SCOTTISH

Second Division

MEADOWBANK (1) 1 (Smith 40)
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 0
 Att: 540
Friday, Jan. 7
Division Four
COLCHESTER (2) 3 (Allinson, pen 22, 41,
 Adcock 59)
HEREFORD (1) 2 (Harvey 4, Bartley 53)
 Att: 2,216
Colchester: Chamberlain 6, Cook 6, Ward 5,
 Longhorn 6, Wignall 7, Keith 6, ***ALLINSON**
 8, Osborne 6, McDonough 7, Adcock 6, Hull
 5.
Hereford: Rose 6, Price 6 (sub. Musial 5),
 Bray 5, Ross 5, Pejic 6, Crabbe 6, ***HARVEY**
 8, Bartley 7, Phillips 6, Showers 6, White 7.
Referee: D. Reeves (Uxbridge)
Match Rating: ★★

Saturday, Jan. 8

FA Cup, Third Round

ARSENAL (1) 2 (Davis 4, Rix 84)
BOLTON (0) 1 (Whatmore 89)
 Att: 22,576
Arsenal: Jennings 7, Hollins 7, Sansom 7,
 Talbot 6, O'Leary 7, Robson 6, Davis 7.
***SUNDERLAND** 8, Nicholas 6, Woodcock
 7, Rix 7.
Bolton: McDonagh 7, Whitworth 7,
***BENNETT** 8, Henry 6, Jones 7, Deakin 6,
 Chandler 6, Whatmore 7, Foster 6, Hoggan 6,
 Thompson 6.
Referee: B. L. Newsome (Shropshire)
Match Rating: ★★
BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Garner 24)
LIVERPOOL (2) 2 (Hodgson 29, Rush 44)
 Att: 21,966

Blackburn: Gennoe 6, Branagan 5, Rathbone
 5, Randell 5, Mail 6, ***FAZACKERLEY** 7,
 Miller 5, Arnott 5, Bell 5, Garner 6,
 Brotherston 5.
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 6, Neal 5, Kennedy 5,
 Lawrenson 6, Johnston 6, Hansen 6,
***DALGLISH** 7, Lee 6, Rush 6, Hodgson 6,
 Souness 6.
Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★

BRADFORD (0) 0
BARNSELY (0) 1 (Glavin 70)
 Att: 11,012
Bradford: McManus 7, ***PODD** 8, Chapman
 6, Lester 6, Cooke 7, Cherry 7, Ellis 6 (sub.
 Jackson), Gray 6, Campbell 6, McNiven 6,
 Yorath 7.
Barnsley: Pierce 6, Joyce 7, Chambers 7,
 Glavin 6, ***McCARTHY** 8, Banks 7, Law 7,
 Parker 6, Ronson 6, Cunningham 7, Birch 7.
Referee: A. Banks (Manchester)
Match Rating: ★★

BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Ritchie 56)
NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (McDermott 72)
 Att: 17,711
Brighton: Moseley 6, Ramsey 7, Pearce 7,
 Greulich 8, Foster 7, Stevens 7, Case 6, Ward
 6, Robinson 6, Ritchie 7, ***STILLE** 9.
Newcastle: Carr 6, Anderson 6, Wharton 6,
 Martin 5, Clarke 7, Carney 6, Keegan 7,
 McDonald 7, Varadi 6, McDermott 7,
***WADDLE** 8.
Referee: T. Glasson (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Reilly 74)
WEYMOUTH (0) 0
 Att: 5,019
Cambridge: Webster 7, Fisher 6, Murray 6,
 Turner 7, Fallon 7, O'Neill 6, Cartwright 6,
***SPRIGGS** 8, Reilly 7, Mayo 6, Finney 6.
Weymouth: ***BAKER** 8, Morrell, Peter 7,
 Morrell, Paul 6, Elliott 7, Arnold 6, Finnigan 6,
 Baber 6, Pearson 6, Iannone 6, Borthwick 6,
 Benjafield 6.
Referee: A. Gunn (Burgess Hill)
Match Rating: ★★

CARLISLE (1) 2 (Bannon 9, Poskett 40)
BURNLEY (1) 2 (Taylor 2, Wharton 87)
 Att: 6,998
Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Parker 6, Haigh 6,
 Ashurst 7, Rushbury 6, Houghton 6,
 Staniforth 7 (sub. Lee 6), Craig 7, ***POSKETT**
 8, Bannon 7, Shoulder 7.
Burnley: O'Rourke 6, Laws 7, Donachie 6,
 Phelan 6, Holt 6, Flynn 7 (sub. Wharton 7),
 Scott 7, ***STEVEN** 8, Hamilton 7, Taylor 7,
 Young 6.
Referee: R. Bridges (Deeside)
Match Rating: ★★

CHARLTON (2) 2 (Robinson 12, Hales 14)
IPSWICH (2) 3 (Thijssen 40, Wark, pen 45,
 90)
 Att: 16,699
Charlton: Johns 7, Gritt 6, Aizlewood 6,
 McAllister 6, Elliott 6, Berry 6, ***SIMONSEN**
 9, Harris 7, Hales 7, Bullivant 6, Robinson 7.
Ipswich: Sivell 6, Steggle 6, Gernon 6,
 Thijssen 7, Osman 6, Butcher 6, Wark 7,
 McCall 6, Mariner 6, Brazil 7, ***GATES** 8.
Referee: A. Robinson (Hampshire)
Match Rating: ★★

COVENTRY (2) 3 (Whitton, pen 31, 85,
 Hateley 36)
WORCESTER (1) 1 (Moss, pen 18)
 Att: 11,843
Coventry: Sealey 7, Thomas 7,
 Hormantschuk 7, Butterworth 7, Dyson 7,
 Gillespie 7, ***WHITTON** 8, Francis 6, Hateley
 7, Melrose 7, Hunt 6.
Worcester: ***PARKES** 8, Selby 6, Hunt 5,
 Phelps 5, Tudor 6, Hughes 6, Williams, B 6,
 Williams, J 6, Tuohy 7, Crompton 6, Moss 7.
Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)
Match Rating: ★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 2 (Lovell 33, Langley
 57)
YORK (1) 1 (Walwyn 20)
 Att: 7,837
Crystal Palace: Fry 6, Gilbert 6, Lovell 7,
 Nebbeling 7, Cannon 6, Hinshelwood 7,
***GILES** 8, Hughton 6, Jones 6, Langley 7,
 Hilaire 6.
York: Astbury 7, Evans 6, Hay 5, Sbragia 6,
 Smith 6, Hood 7, Ford 7, Crosby 6,
***WALWYN** 8, Byrne 7, Pollard 7.
Referee: D. A. Hedges (Oxford)
Match Rating: ★★

DERBY (0) 2 (Gemmill 63, Hill 90)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 0
 Att: 28,494
Derby: Cherry 7, Barton 7, Attley 7,
***GEMMILL** 8 (sub. Dalziel), Foster 6, McAlle
 7, Broily 6, Wilson 6, Hill 6, Swindlehurst 6,
 Mills 7.

Nott'm Forest: Sutton 6, Swain 6, Bowyer 6,
 Gunn 6, Young 5, Walsh 5, Proctor 6, Wallace
 6, Birtles 6, ***HODGE** 7, Robertson 6 (sub.
 Davenport).
Referee: G. Courtney (Co. Durham)
Match Rating: ★★

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Stanton 24)
CHELSEA (0) 1 (Mayes 59)
 Att: 17,004
Huddersfield: Cox 6, Brown 7, Burke 6,
 Stanton 6, Sutton 7, Hanvey 6, Lillis 7, Doyle
 7, Russell 7, Wilson 7, ***COWLING** 8.
Chelsea: Francis 7, Lee 6, Jones 7, Chivers 6,
***DROY** 8, Pates 7, Fillery 6, Bumstead 6,
 Speedie 6 (sub. Walker), Mayes 7, Rhoades-
 Brown 6.
Referee: N. Midgley (Salford)
Match Rating: ★★

LEEDS (1) 3 (Sheridan 31, Connor 78,
 Graham 80)
PRESTON (0) 0
 Att: 16,816
Leeds: Lukic 7, Aspin 6, Gray, E 6, Sheridan 7
 (sub. Hird), Hart 7, ***BURNS** 8, McNab 7,
 Connor 7, Butterworth 6, Thomas 7, Graham
 7.
Preston: Litchfield 7, O'Riordan 6, McAteer 6,
***KELLY** 8, Booth 5, Gowling 6, Walsh 6,
 Bruce 6, Elliott 6, Naughton 7, Houston 6
 (sub. Bell).
Referee: N. J. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★

LEICESTER (0) 2 (Smith, A 89, Wilson 90)
NOTTS COUNTY (2) 3 (Fashanu 10, 33,
 McCulloch 51)
 Att: 18,384
Leicester: Wallington 6, Ramsey 6, Rowell 5,
 MacDonald 6, May 5, O'Neill 5, Lynex 6,
 Lineker 5 (sub. Robson 5), ***SMITH**, A 7,
 Buchanan 5, Wilson 6.
Notts County: Avramovic 7, Benjamin 6,
 Worthington 5, Hunt 5, Kilcline 6, Richards 6,
 Chiedoie 6, ***FASHANU** 8, McCulloch 6,
 Goodwin 5, Mair 6.
Referee: A. J. Hamil (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★

LUTON (2) 3 (Horton, pen 15, Hill 44, Walsh
 79)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 0
 Att: 11,151
Luton: Findlay 8, Stephens 7, Thomas 7,
 Horton 8, Goodyear 7, Donaghy 8, ***HILL** 9,
 Bunn 7, Walsh 8, Turner 8, Watts 7.
Peterborough: ***SEAMAN** 8, Winters 7,
 Collins 7, Gynn 7, Firm 6, Slack 6, Clarke 7,
 Rodaway 6, Cooke 7, Benjamin 7, Quow 6.
Referee: J. E. Martin (Alton)
Match Rating: ★★

MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 2 (Coppell 32,
 Stapleton 55)
WEST HAM (0) 0
 Att: 44,143
Man Utd: Bailey 6, Duxbury 7, Albiston 6,
 Moses 6, Moran 6, McQueen 6, Robson 7,
 Muhren 7, Stapleton 7, Whiteside 7,
***COPPELL** 8.
West Ham: ***PARKES** 8, Stewart 6,
 Lampard 6, Bonds 6, Gallagher 6, Devonshire
 7, Van der Elst 5, Cottee 6, Clark 5, Allen 5,
 Pike 6.
Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate)
Match Rating: ★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (2) 2 (Bell 22, 24)
BISHOPS STORTFORD (0) 2 (Bradford 48,
 50)
 Att: 13,207
Middlesbrough: Platt 6, Kennedy 6, Bolton 7,
 Baxter 6, Nattrass 7, Otto 7, Wood 7, Sugrue
 7, Shearer 6, Hankin 6, ***BELL** 8.
Bishops Stortford: Welsh 8, Wickenden 7,
 Brown 7, ***BRADFORD** 9, Elley 7, Hull 7,
 Avery 7, Lynch 6, Worrell 7, Simmonds 7,
 Sullivan 7.
Referee: R. Chadwick (Darwen)
Match Rating: ★★

NEWPORT (0) 1 (Gwyther 65)
EVERTON (0) 1 (Sheedy 86)
 Att: 9,527
Newport: Kendall 7, Jones 6, Stroud 6,
 Bailey 6, Boyle 6 (sub. ***GWYTHYR** 8),
 Davies 6, Moore 7, Aldridge 7, Tynan 6,
 Vaughan 7, Elsey 7.
Everton: Arnold 7, Stevens 6, Bailey 7,
 Ratcliffe 7, Higgins 6, McMahon 7, Heath 6,
 Sharp 6, King 7, Reid 7, ***SHEEDY** 8.
Referee: B. Stevens (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ★★

NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Walters 34)
 Att: 14,529
Northampton: Freeman 7, Tucker 6, Phillips
 7, Gage 8, Burrows 7, Coffill 7, Saxby 6.

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***BUCHANAN 9**, Syrett 6, Massey 7, Heeley 6 (sub. Muir).

Aston Villa: Spink 7, Jones 6, Williams 7, Evans 6, McNaught 7, Mortimer 7, Bremner 6, ***WALTERS 9**, Withe 7, Cowans 8, Morley 6.

Referee: A. Ward (London)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

NORWICH (2) 2 (Bertschin 24, 40)

SWANSEA (1) 1 (Gale 14)

Att: 13,222

Norwich: Woods 7, Haylock 7, Downs 7, Mendham 7, Walford 7, Watson 7, Barham 7, O'Neill 6, Deehan 7, ***BERTSCHIN 8**, Van Wyk 7

Swansea: Davies 7, Richards 7, Hadziabdic 6, Rajkovic 6, ***CHARLES 8**, Lewis 6, Curtis 6, James 7 (sub. Mahoney 6), Gale 7, Marustik 7, Latchford 6.

Referee: L. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

OLDHAM (0) 0

FULHAM (0) 2 (Coney 77, Houghton 85)

Att: 8,087

Oldham: Goram 6, Hoolickin 6, Ryan 6, Bowden 6, ***CLEMENTS 8**, Fletcher 7, McDonough 6, Atkinson 6, Heaton 5, Wylde 6, Palmer 6.

Fulham: Peyton 6, Hopkins 6, ***PARKER 8**, O'Driscoll 7, Brown 6, Gale 6, Davies 6, Wilson 6, Coney 6, Houghton 6, Lewington 6.

Referee: D. Civil (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

Sending Off: Ryan (Oldham)

OXFORD (1) 1 (Foley 10)

TORQUAY (1) 1 (Gallagher 35)

Att: 6,880

Oxford: Butcher 6, Linney 6, Smithers 5, Brock 6, Fogg 6, Shotton 6, Lawrence 6, ***FOLEY 7**, Winter 6, Hebbard 6, Barnett 6.

Torquay: Horn 6, Doyle 7, Wilson 7, Sheridan 6, Little 7, Hughes 6, Young 5, O'Donnell 7, Cooper 6, Anderson 6, ***GALLAGHER 8**.

Referee: M. J. Taylor (Deal)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0

GRIMSBY (0) 0

Att: 11,010

Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Oates 6, Pointon 7, Fowler 6, Baines 7, Hunter 7, O'Berg 6, ***CAMMACK 8**, Cowling 6, Angus 6, Parkinson 7.

Grimsby: Batch 7, Moore, D 6, Crombie 7, Waters 6, Cooper 6, ***MOORE, K 8**, Ford 7, Whymark 6, Drinkell 6, O'Dell 6, Cumming 7.

Referee: A. Challinor (Rotherham)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 0

STOKE (0) 0

Att: 23,239

Sheff Utd: Waugh 7, Henderson 6, ***GARNER 8**, Brazil 5, Houston 7, Kenworthy 5, Morris 5, Trusson 6, Edwards 7, Curran 7, King 7.

Stoke: Fox 7, Parkin 7, Hampton 7, Bracewell 6, ***WATSON 9**, Berry 8, Painter 8, McIlroy 7, O'Callaghan 7, Thomas 8, Maskery 6.

Referee: B. Hill (Kettering)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

SHREWSBURY (0) 2 (Brown 67, 68)

ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Seasman 58)

Att: 6,027

Shrewsbury: Ogrizovic 7, Williams 6, Johnson 6, Petts 6, Pearson 8, Griffin 7, Cross 7, Leonard 6, ***BROWN 9**, McNally 7, Stevens 7.

Rotherham: Mountford 7, ***FORREST 8**, Henson 6, Seasman 7, Hughes 7, Green 6, Townner 7, Gow 6, Moore 6, Fern 6, McBride 7.

Referee: G. Napthine (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

SOUTHEND (0) 0

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 0

Att: 6,973

Southend: Cawston 7, Stead 7, Yates 7, Clark 7, Hadley 7, Cusack 7 (sub. Pennyfather 7), ***POUNTNEY 8**, Phillips 7, Mercer 7, Otulakowski 7, Nelson 7.

Sheff Wed: ***BOLDER 8**, Sterland 7, Matthewson 6, Smith 7, Lyons 7, Shelton 6, Megson 6, Taylor 6, Bannister 6, McCulloch 6, Pearson 6.

Referee: K. G. Salmon (Barnet)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

Sending Off: Stead (Southend), Megson (Sheff Wed)

SUNDERLAND (0) 0

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0

Att: 21,518

Sunderland: Turner 7, Nicholl 7, Pickering 6, Atkins 8, Elliott 8, Chisholm 6, Venison 6, Rowell 6, West 6, ***COOKE 9**, Cummins 6.

Man City: Corrigan 7, Ranson 7, Bond 7, Reid 6, Power 6, ***CATON 9**, Bodak 6, Reeves 6, Cross 6 (sub. Tueart), Hartford 7, Kinsey 7.

Referee: J. Worrall (Warrington)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

SWINDON (2) 7 (Pritchard 19, 21, 90, Rowland 47, 53, 63, Batty 74)

ALDERSHOT (0) 0

Att: 7,187

Swindon: Allan 7, Baile 8, Baverstock 6, Emmanuel 7, Lewis 8, Graham 7, Pritchard 8, Batty 7, Rideout 8, ***ROWLAND 9**, Barnard 5 (sub. Quinn 5).

Aldershot: Johnson 6, Shrubbs 6, Gillard 6 (sub. Scott 6), Biley 7, Wooler 7, Jopling 7, ***LUCAS 8**, Banton 6, Goddard 7, McDonald 6, Robinson 5.

Referee: D. S. Vickers (Ilford)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Hazard 50)

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0

Att: 38,040

Spurs: Clemence 8, Hughton 8, O'Reilly 6, Roberts 7, ***HAZARD 9**, Perryman 6, Brooke 7, Archibald 7, Gibson 7 (sub. Mabbutt), Villa 7, Dick 8.

Southampton: ***SHILTON 8**, Agboola 6, Mills 6, Williams 7, Nicholl 6, Wright 7, Holmes 7, Cassells 6, Moran 7, Armstrong 7, Wallace 7.

Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

TRANMERE (0) 0

WOLVES (0) 1 (Hibbitt 68)

Att: 10,803

Tranmere: ***ENDERSBY 8**, Mungall 6, Burgess 7, Mooney 6, Hamilton 7, Williams 7, Ferguson 6, Aspinall 6, Kerr 6, Brown 6 (sub. Powell), Griffiths 7.

Wolves: Burridge 6, ***HUMPHREY 8**, Palmer 6, Smith 7, Pender 6, Dodd 6, Hibbitt 7, Clarke 6, Gray 5, Eves 7, Matthews 7.

Referee: J. D. Hough (Macclesfield)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

WALSALL (0) 0

BIRMINGHAM (0) 0

Att: 12,967

Walsall: Green 6, ***CASWELL 9**, Mower 7, Beech 7, Sinnott 7, Hart 8, Rees 7, Preece 8, Penn 7, Buckley 7, O'Kelly 7.

Birmingham: Cotton 7, Hagan 7, Dennis 7, Stevenson 7, Blake 6, Broadhurst 7, ***DILLON 9**, Phillips 8, Harford 7 (sub. Brazier 7), Curbishley 7, Handysides 7.

Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

WATFORD (1) 2 (Rostron 40, Blissett 73)

PLYMOUTH (0) 0

Att: 17,630

Watford: Sherwood 6, Rice 6, Rostron 7, Taylor 7, Sims 7, Bolton 6, ***CALLAGHAN 8**, Blissett 6, Gilligan 7, Jackett 6, Barnes 6.

Plymouth: Crudgington 7, Nisbet 6, Uzzell 6, Phillips 7, ***SMITH 8**, Cooper 7, Hodges 7, Cook 6, Sims 7, McCartney 6, Rogers 7.

Referee: R. S. Lewis (Gt. Bookham)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

WEST BROM (1) 3 (Owen, pen 27, 67, Eastoe 83)

QPR (1) 2 (Fenwick, pen 39, Micklewhite 77)

Att: 16,528

West Brom: Barron 6, Whitehead 6, Statham 6, Zondervan 7, Wile 6, Robertson 6, Jol 5, Bennett 7, Regis 6, ***OWEN 8**, Eastoe 6.

QPR: Benstead 7, Neill 6, Dawes 6, Roeder 7, Hazell 7 (sub. Burke), Fenwick 7, Micklewhite 7, ***SEALY 8**, Allen 7, Flanagan 7, Waddock 7.

Referee: P. Willis (Meadowfield)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

Division Three

BRENTFORD (0) 1 (Roberts 56)

WIGAN (2) 3 (O'Keefe 9, McMahon 34, Butler 61)

Att: 4,939

Brentford: Roche 5, Rowe 5, Strong 6, Spencer 5, ***WHITEHEAD 7**, Hurlock 6, Kamara 6, Joseph 6, Bowen 5, Walker 5, Roberts 5.

Wigan: Tunks 6, McMahon 6, Glenn 5, Cribley 6, Walsh 6, Methven 6, Lowe 6, Burrows 5, Butler 5, O'Keefe 6, ***WESTON 7**.

Referee: M. Bodenham (Brighton)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

CARDIFF v MILLWALL — Match Postponed

DONCASTER (0) 1 (Snodin, G 86)

BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 2 (Stephenson 2, Randall 55)

Att: 3,232

Doncaster: Peacock 6, Russell 6, Watson 5, Snodin, I 6, Humphries 6, Wigginton 5, Mell 5, Douglas 6 (sub. ***LISTER 7**), Austin 6, Snodin, G 6, Robertson 6.

Bristol Rovers: Kite 6, Sherwood 7, Williams 6, ***PULIS 9**, Parkin 6, McCaffery 6, Curle 7 (sub. Barrett), Carter 6, Stephens 7, Randall 7, Platnauer 7.

Referee: R. Nixon (Wirral)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

GILLINGHAM (2) 4 (Weatherly 7, White 9, 55, 66)

EXETER (3) 4 (McEwan 15, Neville 30, 43, 51)

Att: 2,970

Gillingham: Hillyard 6, Sharpe 7, Adams 7, Bruce 7, Shaw 6, Tydeman 7, Powell 6, Handford 6, ***WHITE 8**, Weatherly 7 (sub. Price 7), Cascarino 6.

Exeter: Bond 7, Sparrow 7, Viney 7, Harle 6 (sub. Pratt 6), Marker 7, McEwan 7, ***NEVILLE 8**, Rogers, P 6, Gibson 6, Rogers, M 7, Pullar 7.

Referee: T. Bune (Newbury)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

Division Four

BURY (0) 0

PORT VALE (0) 1 (Hunter 78)

Att: 4,748

Bury: Brown 6, Gardner 6, Halliday 6, Bramhall 7, ***DAVIES 8**, Potts 6 (sub. Cutler), Gore 6, Jakub 5, Madden 5, Parker 6, Firth 7.

Port Vale: Southall 7, Tarrt 6, ***SPROSON 8**, Cegielski 7, Bromage 6, Ridley 6, Hunter 7, Greenhoff 6, Fox 7, Newton 6, Moss 5.

Referee: K. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

CHESTER (1) 5 (Thomas 2, 50, 85, Zelem 80, Wilson, pen 86)

ROCHDALE (1) 2 (French 17, Zelem, og 89)

Att: 1,562

Chester: Salmon 6, Bradley 6, Lane 5, Storton 5, Zelem 5, Cooke 6, Sloan 7, Simpson 5, ***THOMAS 8**, Ludlam 7, Wilson 5.

Rochdale: Pearce 5, Nicholson 6, Snookes 7, Farrell 5, McElhinney 6, Williams 5, Thompson 7, Weir 6, ***FRENCH 8**, Hilditch 6, Martinez 6 (sub. Wellings 6).

Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

DARLINGTON (1) 1 (Honour 7)

CREWE (0) 1 (Waller 76)

Att: 1,006

Darlington: Cuff 6, Liddle 5, Wilson 6, Smith 5, Rhodes 5, Kamara 6, Gilbert 6, McLean 7, Honour 7, Walsh 5, ***McFADDEN 8**.

Crewe: ***SMITH 9**, Moore 6, Bowers 5, Craven 6, Scott 7, Purdie 6, Haslegrave 5, Paliou 5 (sub. Hart 6), Waller 7, Evans 6, Cliss 6.

Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Dungworth 80)

HALIFAX (1) 2 (Nuttall 20, 72)

Att: 2,398

Mansfield: Arnold 5, Blackhall 5 (sub. Woodhead 5), Kennedy 6, Bell 5, Ayre 6, Calderwood 6, ***MATTHEWS 7**, Hutchinson 6, Dungworth 6, Caldwell 5, Nicholson 5.

Halifax: Smelt 6, Nobbs 6, Wood 5, Evans 7, Smith 6, Hendrie 6, Ward 7, Spooner 5, Allatt 6, ***NUTTALL 8**, Staniforth 5.

Referee: D. W. Lloyd (Fernhill Heath)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

WIMBLEDON (0) 1 (Evans 84)

HULL (1) 2 (Roberts 2, Whitehurst 89)

Att: 2,766

Wimbledon: ***BEASANT 8**, Peters 6, Ferns 6, Galliers 6, Smith 5, Hatter 6, Evans 6, Ketteridge 6, Leslie 7, Downes 7, Gage 6.

Hull: Davies 8, Swann 6, Askew 6 (sub. McNeil), Roberts, D 6, Skipper 6, Booth 7, Marwood 7, McClaren 7, Whitehurst 8, ***MUTRIE 9**, Roberts, G 7.

Referee: A. W. Grey (Gt. Yarmouth)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

SCOTTISH

Premier Division

ABERDEEN (0) 2 (Simpson 70, McGhee 84)

MORTON (0) 0

Att: 12,000

Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Kennedy 7, Rougvie 6, Cooper 5 (sub. Watson), McLeish 7, ***MILLER 9**, Black 5, Simpson 7, McGhee 8, Bell 6, Weir 7.

Morton: Baines 7, Houston 7, Holmes 7, Rooney 7, McLaughlin 7, Duffy 6, Payne 6, Gibson 6, ***HUTCHISON 8**, Cochrane 5, McNab 5 (sub. Flavin).

Referee: M. Delaney (Clelland)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

DUNDEE (0) 3 (Ferguson 52, Stephen 58, Mackie 65)

MOTHERWELL (1) 1 (Edvaldsson 23)

Att: 5,151

Dundee: Kelly 6, Glennie 6, Scrimgeour 5 (sub. McKimmie 7), ***FRASER 8**, Smith 7, MacDonald 7, Ferguson 6, Bell 7, Sinclair 6, Mackie 6, Stephen 7.

Motherwell: ***SPROAT 8**, Dornan 6, Bryson 5, Carson 6, Edvaldsson 6, Mauchlen 7, Flavell 5 (sub. McLaughlin 5), Rafferty 6, Harrow 5, McClair 6 (sub. Forbes 6), O'Hara 6.

Referee: C. J. White (Glasgow)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

KILMARNOCK (0) 0

HIBERNIAN (2) 2 (Conroy 14, Thomson 43)

Att: 2,147

Kilmarnock: McCulloch 5, McLean 5 (sub. Bryson), Armstrong 7, Clarke, P 6, Clark, R 6, MacLeod 5, ***CLARKE, J 9**, Simpson 7, McGivern 7, Gallagher 6, Clinging 6.

Hibs: Rough 7, Sneddon 7, ***McNAMARA 8**, Jamieson 6, Rae 6, Turnbull 6 (sub. Irvine), Conroy 7, Rice 7, Thompson 7, Duncan 6, Murray 7.

Referee: B. Robertson (East Kilbride)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

RANGERS (1) 2 (Prytz 41, Kennedy 62)

DUNDEE UNITED (1) 1 (Reilly 12)

Att: 15,200

Rangers: McCloy 7, McKinnon 7, Redford 7, Stevens 7, McClelland 7, Bett 7, Black 6, Russell 5 (sub. Cooper 7), Johnstone 5, Prytz 6, ***KENNEDY 8**.

Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, ***GOUGH 8**, Malpas 6, Stark 6 (sub. Holt 6), Hegarty 7, Narey 7, Bannan 6, Milne 6 (sub. McNeill), Reilly 5, Kirkwood 5, Dadds 6.

Referee: G. M. Smith (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

ST MIRREN (0) 0

CELTIC (1) 1 (MacLeod 16)

Att: 14,748

St Mirren: Thomson 6, Wilson 5, Walker 6, Fulton 6, Clarke 6, Stark 5, ***RICHARDSON 7**, Abercromby 6, MacAvennie 6, MacDougall 5, Logan 5 (sub. Sommer 5).

Celtic: Bonner 7, McGrain 6, Reid 5, Sinclair 7, McAdam 5, Aitken 5, Provan 5 (sub. McCluskey 5), ***MACLEOD 8**, McGarvey 5, Nicholas 5 (sub. Sullivan), McStay 6.

Referee: H. Young (Glasgow)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

First Division

CLYDE (1) 2 (Flexney 42, Doherty 3

KENNY Dalglish playing to half his capability would still walk into most First Division sides.

While many people were writing him off following the World Cup Finals, he has always been a top player in my book. He's in a different class.

And with a clinical finisher like Ian Rush doing the business alongside him — it's unbelievable to think he's scored three hat-tricks already this season — it's easy to see why Liverpool have such a commanding lead at the top of the League.

But as both Kenny and Ian would, I'm sure, be the first to admit, it's a team effort at Anfield. They all work so hard for each other.

The chasing pack of clubs — ourselves included — haven't given up, but it does look as though Liverpool may have the Championship wrapped up.

It's up to the rest to bridge the gap but, being realistic, it's going to be very difficult.

I honestly can't see anyone catching them unless Liverpool go through a bad patch and there's little chance of that happening!

Pressed to choose a team most likely to catch Liverpool I would have to say Nottingham Forest — if only for the fact that they always seem to do well against the Merseyside giants.

But Liverpool's strength is that they are virtually invincible at home.

Spurs' biggest problem at the moment, meanwhile, is scoring goals away from home.

To date we have scored four goals on our travels in the League — and the last one was way back

REDS OUT OF REACH

I can't see anyone catching Liverpool

in September when a Garry Brooke effort earned us three points at Sunderland.

We've got one of the best scoring records in the League at home but we just haven't been taking our chances in away matches.

It's probably a confidence problem now and it was typified in our 3-0 defeat at the hands of rivals West Ham over the holiday period.

Up to them scoring their second goal, I felt we were the better team. We were playing the better football and should have gone one up.

We had a penalty decision against us — a fair one I think — but even after that we could have scored a couple of goals. Had we taken our chances, it could have been so different.

Our two main strikers Garth

Crooks and Steve Archibald have had a lean time over the last couple of months and I admit it's about time I got on the scoresheet again.

It's a question of believing in ourselves again.

We certainly could have done with a couple of goals against Arsenal on Boxing Day because that's the big one of the season for both our fans and theirs.

Arsenal eventually ran out 2-0 winners although it was more of a battle than a game of football — as derby games so often are.

They probably deserved their victory, especially as they had Stewart Robson sent off.

We've still got to play them at White Hart Lane, however.

Things went much better for us in our two home games over the holiday with victories over Brighton and Everton.

It was vital that we beat Brighton to get the Arsenal defeat out of our system otherwise we would have been under some pressure.

Brighton didn't play particularly well on the night and look to have a long hard struggle ahead of them. I certainly thought we were good for our 2-0 victory.

The Everton game produced fairy-tale stuff for young Terry Gibson who popped up from the reserve ranks to score both goals in our 2-1 win — his first for Spurs in the League.

He came in for Garth Crooks

who was laid up with flu — we seemed to be cursed by colds at the moment — and took his chances very well.

The ironic thing is that 'Gibbo' shouldn't have been playing football of any sort.

He was due to have a cartilage out but the surgeon concerned suffered an accident himself so the operation was put back.

So considering Terry was playing with a dodgy knee, everyone was delighted for him. I don't suppose he'll mind if the operation is delayed a few more weeks now!

With so many young lads in the side it was a good result because Everton proved to be a fair side without doing anything outstanding.

We were expecting Terry Curran to prove a bit of a handful in what was expected to be his last game on loan to Everton but Chris Hughton kept him very quiet.

I probably wouldn't have played against Everton myself but for all our other injury problems, because my heel was very sore.

I've had Achilles trouble before and while it's not serious it has needed rest. It certainly made me doubtful for last Saturday's FA Cup Third Round clash with Southampton.

Hopefully I'll be fully fit for our trip to Luton in the League this coming Saturday... and hopefully we can get on the scoresheet to end a barren four months.

It's a game that may produce a lot of goals because Luton are a good attacking side. We've played them twice already this season — drawing in the League and beating them in the Milk Cup. Both were cracking games.

Luton can be brilliant on their day and, while they find themselves at the wrong end of the First Division, I'm sure they are too good to go down.

Certainly the First Division is better for having players of the calibre of Luton striker Paul Walsh, who hit the headlines by scoring a hat-trick in his side's 3-2 victory over West Ham last week.

He looks a top rate forward in the making.

Glenn Hoddle

● Glenn Hoddle was talking to Paul Stratton.



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- 1 Who did England beat in the two-leg UEFA Under-21 Championship Final which was played this season?
- 2 Who was England's captain?



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PROGRAMME PARADE



PAUL Allen wrote himself into the record books when he walked out to face Arsenal in the 1980 FA Cup Final.

At 17 years and 256 days, he became the youngest ever player to appear in the Wembley showpiece.

And the little West Ham midfielder duly picked up a winners' medal as his side beat the 'Gunners' in a shock 1-0 victory.

So it comes as no surprise that Paul treasures the programme from that historic match. Indeed, it's the pride of his collection . . .

"That's definitely my favourite," says Paul, who also treasures the programme from the ensuing Charity Shield game against League Champions Liverpool.

Paul, whose cousin Clive plays for Queen's Park Rangers, began collecting programmes when he was about seven-years-old.

"My uncle Les, Paul's father, was the manager of Q.P.R. and I used to go and watch them whenever they were at home and I saved the programmes," he says.

"I also used to go and watch the odd West

Left: Paul Allen — the programme for the FA Cup Final clash between West Ham and Arsenal is the pride of his collection.

PAUL'S PRIDE IS A FINAL REMINDER

Ham and Spurs games and have some programmes from those days."

Living in Aveley in Essex, Paul often made the short journey to Wembley to watch England in action and still has some international programmes hidden away in the loft.

"I don't collect as many now as I used to and I couldn't really guess how many I have, but there are quite a few," he says.

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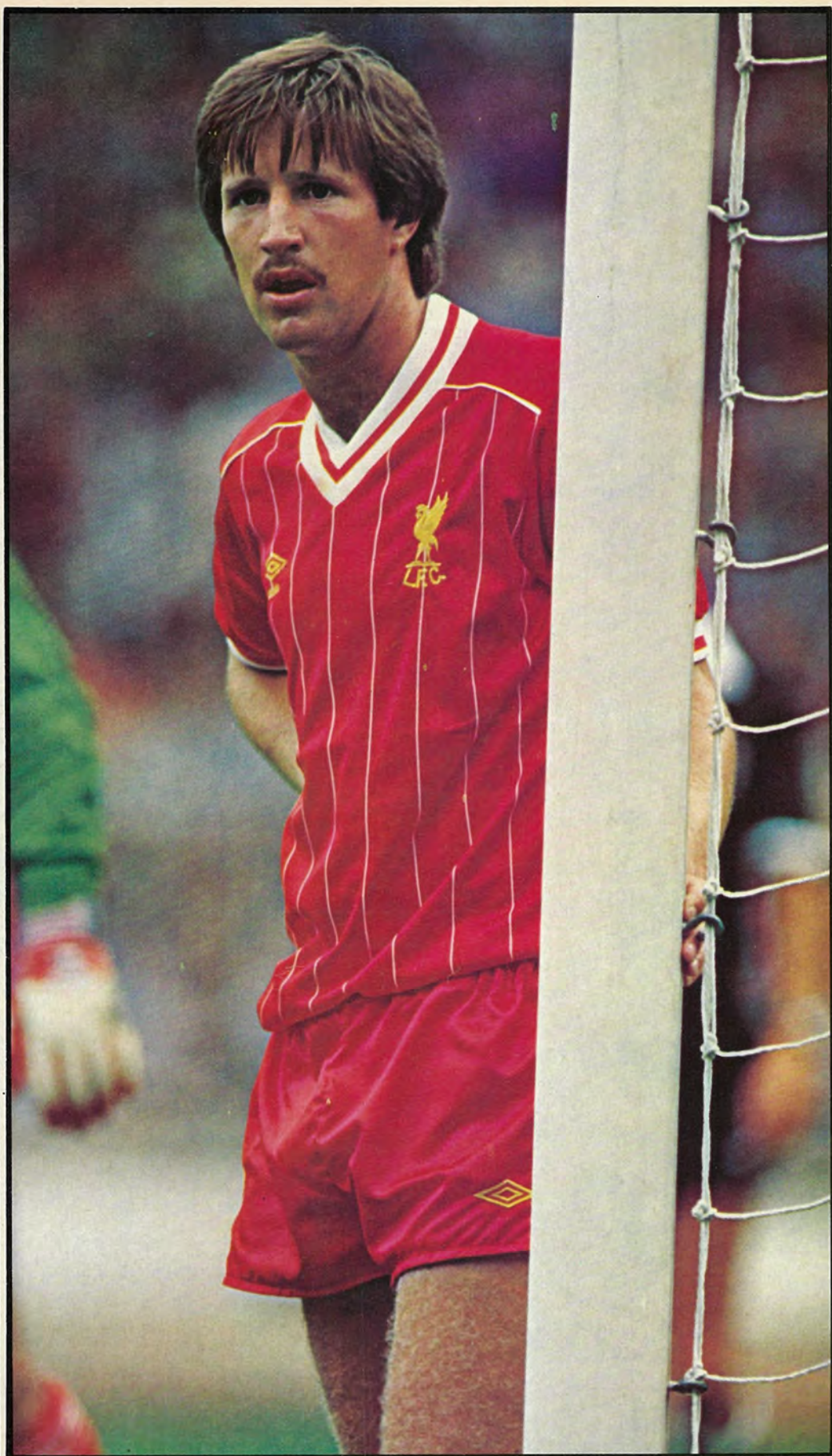
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STAR CHALLENGE

SCOTLAND'S goalscoring sensation Charlie Nicholas helped himself to a hat-trick when Premier Division Champions Celtic visited Motherwell earlier this season.

The Glasgow giants routed former Rangers and Leicester manager Jock Wallace's team 7-0 on that occasion and the young striker will be hoping for a repeat performance when the two clubs meet again at Fir Park on Saturday.

On paper, struggling Motherwell look to have little chance against the League Cup holders, so it's vital that nearest challengers Dundee United and Aberdeen keep in touch with victories in their respective games.

United travel to struggling Hibernian, where the arrival of former Scotland 'keeper Alan Rough has brought new hope, while 'The Dons' visit St Mirren.

In the English First Division, leaders Liverpool travel to The Hawthorns for a tough fixture against West Brom, while their nearest rivals Manchester United are on duty just down the M6 at struggling Birmingham.

One of the most attractive fixtures of the day looks to be at the City Ground, Nottingham, where Brian



Christopher Streeter of Colchester (above) challenges Celtic ace Charlie Nicholas (below).



THIS WEEK'S STAR GUEST Charlie Nicholas

Clough's emerging Forest take on West Ham. But we concentrate our attentions on Scotland this week.

Celtic star Charlie Nicholas is our first guest from North

of the border on 'Star Challenge' and he's been picked by Colchester reader Christopher Streeter.

Forecasting results is the object of the game and Scotland Under-21 international Charlie has tried to predict more correct scorelines than his challenger.

Each week we select ten matches and points are awarded depending on the accuracy of the forecasts. Christopher will receive a special 'Star Challenge' certificate if he scores more than his hero, Charlie.

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FIXTURES

Saturday, January 15
DIVISION ONE

Arsenal v Stoke
Birmingham v Man. Utd
Everton v Watford
Ipswich v Brighton
Luton v Tottenham
Man. City v Norwich
Nott'm F. v West Ham
Southampton v Coventry
Sunderland v A Villa
Swansea v Notts C
W Brom v Liverpool

DIVISION TWO

Burnley v C. Palace
Blackburn v Wolves
Bolton v Burnley
Carlisle v Derby
Charlton v Leicester
Chelsea v Cambridge
Leeds v Grimsby
Middlesbrough v Sheff. Wed
QPR v Newcastle
Rotherham v Fulham
Shrewsbury v Oldham

DIVISION THREE

Bristol R. v Brentford
Exeter v Huddersfield
Millwall v Preston
Newport v Doncaster
Orient v Chesterfield
Oxford v Gillingham
Reading v Bradford
Sheff. Utd v Portsmouth
Walsall v Bournemouth
Wigan v Lincoln
Wrexham v Cardiff

DIVISION FOUR

Blackpool v Mansfield
Crewe v Chester
Hereford v Bury
Hull v Bristol C
Northampton v Wimbledon
Peterborough v Stockport
Port Vale v Swindon
Rochdale v Darlington
Torquay v York
Tranmere v Aldershot

SCOTTISH

PREMIER DIVISION

Dundee v Morton
Hibernian v Dundee Utd
Motherwell v Celtic
Rangers v Kilmarnock
St Mirren v Aberdeen

FIRST DIVISION

Airdrie v St Johnstone
Alloa v Hearts
Ayr v Falkirk
Clydebank v Partick
Hamilton v Dumbarton
Queens Park v Dunfermline
Raith v Clyde

SECOND DIVISION

Albion v Arbroath
Berwick v Stenhousemuir
Brechin v Stranraer
Cowdenbeath v Meadowbank
East Stirling v East Fife
Forfar v Stirling
Queen of South v Montrose

Sunday, January 16

DIVISION FOUR

Scunthorpe v Hartlepool

Tuesday, January 18

DIVISION THREE

Orient v Portsmouth

Friday, January 21

DIVISION FOUR

Colchester v Crewe
Stockport v Tranmere

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Don't forget to tell us your favourite team and top player. Write to: 'Star Challenge', Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ.

Here are the ten selected matches for this week, together with the predictions of a lucky 'Match' reader and his famous opponent. There's a space for you to fill in your predictions and a column for

the actual result. Award two points for every correct score and one point if the result is correct (i.e. home win, away win, draw), but the scoreline is wrong.

	Reader's forecast	Star's forecast	Your forecast	Result
Dundee v Morton	1-1	3-1		
Hibernian v Dundee U	1-2	1-3		
Rangers v Kilmarnock	3-0	5-1		
St Mirren v Aberdeen	1-1	1-2		
Airdrie v St Johnstone	1-1	2-2		
Alloa v Hearts	2-2	1-2		
Ayr v Falkirk	3-1	2-0		
Clydebank v Partick	0-0	2-1		
Hamilton v Dumbarton	0-2	1-0		
Queens Pk v Dunfermline	2-1	0-2		

VOTE-CATCHERS! SHAW OR HODDLE CAN BREAK STRANGLEHOLD

Italian World Cup hero Paolo Rossi is the new 'European Footballer of the Year' but what of the English challenge?

ENGLAND skipper Bryan Robson tips Gary Shaw and Glenn Hoddle as candidates to break the Continental stranglehold on the title of 'European Footballer of the Year'.

It's 14 years since the title was awarded to a player in the English League and Manchester United midfielder Bryan says: "It all seems to stem from the success of the national team and it's down to us to put it right at international level."

"But if Gary Shaw continues to score goals for Aston Villa in the European Cup and forces his way into the England side, he may be a candidate."

"And Glenn Hoddle of Spurs is another possible candidate if he blossoms into the player he threatens to be."

Shaw and Hoddle were barely out of short trousers on the last occasion an English League player won European acclaim.

That was way back in 1968, when wayward Irish genius George Best topped the poll following his part in Manchester United's memorable 4-1 European Cup Final victory over Benfica at Wembley.

And while English clubs, through

Liverpool, Nottingham Forest and Aston Villa have dominated that particular competition for the past six years, the ultimate individual European accolade has eluded these shores.

Former England captain Kevin Keegan won the award two years running — in 1978 and 1979 — but on both occasions he was playing in the West German Bundesliga with Hamburg.

And there was no room for English players when the latest result of the sportswriters poll — conducted by the magazine France Football — was announced.

Obviously strongly influenced by the World Cup Finals, they voted Italian striker Paolo Rossi the new 'European Footballer of the Year'.

And the top ten was littered with top stars of the Finals included Giresse, Boniek, Conti, Rummenigge and Dasaev.

But despite England's creditable showing in the Finals — they returned home unbeaten — not one player figured in the chart.

Bryan Robson, himself probably England's best candidate, does admit to some surprise that not one of the country's representatives in Spain



EUROPEAN FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR SPECIAL

Left: Gary Shaw.

EUROPEAN FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

PAST WINNERS

1956 Stanley Matthews (Blackpool)
1957 Alfredo di Stefano (Real Madrid)
1958 Raymond Kopa (Real Madrid)
1959 Alfredo di Stefano (Real Madrid)
1960 Luis Suarez (Barcelona)
1961 Omar Sivori (Juventus)
1962 Josef Masopust (Dukla Prague)
1963 Lev Yashin (Dynamo Moscow)
1964 Denis Law (Manchester United)
1965 Eusebio (Benfica)
1966 Bobby Charlton (Manchester United)
1967 Florian Albert (Ferencváros)
1968 George Best (Manchester United)
1969 Gianni Rivera (Milan)
1970 Gerd Müller (Bayern Munich)
1971 Johan Cruyff (Ajax)
1972 Franz Beckenbauer (Bayern Munich)
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1974 Johan Cruyff (Barcelona)
1975 Oleg Blokhin (Dynamo Kiev)
1976 Franz Beckenbauer (Bayern Munich)
1977 Allan Simonsen (Borussia Mönchengladbach)
1978 Kevin Keegan (Hamburg)
1979 Kevin Keegan (Hamburg)
1980 Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (Bayern Munich)
1981 Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (Bayern Munich)
1982 Paolo Rossi (Juventus)

featured in the top ten: "After all we reached the Quarter-Finals and England had gone something like 17 matches unbeaten."

"But I'm not surprised Paolo Rossi won the title because it was his goals that virtually won Italy the World Cup."

"Team success is necessary for individuals to be recognised and everyone notices a goalscorer."

"Personally, however, I thought Bruno Conti was a much better overall player for Italy."

The official 1982 voting saw the following top ten:

1 Paolo Rossi (Juventus); 2 Alain Giresse (Bordeaux); 3 Zbigniew Boniek (Juventus); 4 Bruno Conti (Roma); 5 Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (Bayern Munich); 6 Renate Dasaev (Spartak Moscow); 7 Pierre Littbarski (Cologne); 8 Dino Zoff (Juventus); 9 Michel Platini (Juventus); 10 Bernd Schuster (Barcelona).



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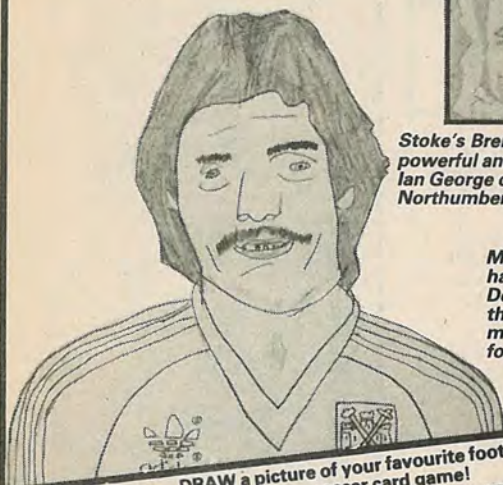
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STAR GALLERY



Stoke's Brendan O'Callaghan "Is very powerful and dominant in the air," says Ian George of Morpeth, Northumberland.



Mark Irving of Ilford, Essex, has drawn West Ham's Alan Devonshire (left) and says of the midfielder star: "He is magnificent in every game for his club and country."

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Twelve-year-old Colin Maclean of Poolewe, Scotland, says of Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish: "He's the best finisher in Britain."



Arsenal's Brian Talbot (above) is the subject of Scott Dowling of Borehamwood, Herts, who says: "Brian does so much work in the Arsenal midfield."



TERRACE TALK

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WELCOME to the best read letters page in football . . . with unique prizes for every reader who gets his or her letter published!

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Write to: Michael Weavers, 'Terrace Talk' Editor, Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ.

IT BEATS me why Wolves receive so much praise.

I was very disappointed with them when they played at Newcastle. I lost count of the number of times they passed back to goalkeeper John Burridge, and I thought Wolves were a very physical side. Kevin Studholme, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear.

● **STILL, you won't have to put up with Wolves next season. They'll be in the First Division . . . unlike Newcastle.**

I AM astonished that Aston Villa's Gary Shaw has yet to play for the full England team.

His performances in recent weeks have been breath-taking. Gary is brave, skilful and one of the best finishers in the game. His hat-trick against Dynamo Bucharest was the perfect example of his goal-scoring skills.

It cannot be too long before England boss Bobby Robson gives Gary his much-deserved first cap.

Mark Douglas (11), Wellingborough, Northants.

BECAUSE of his reputation, Tottenham's Glenn Hoddle is expected to return from injury and play at his usual high level.

That's impossible. Nine weeks of injury problems are bound to have taken the edge off his skills.

But it was great to see Glenn approaching his best again, especially when he came on as substitute for England to crash home a volley against Luxembourg. Maria Skapoullis, Gt Yarmouth, Norfolk.

HERE'S my team of 'grandads': Pat Jennings (aged 37), John Wile (35), Derek Parkin (35), Mick Mills (34), Dave Watson (36), Billy Bonds (36), Trevor Brooking (34), John Hollins (37), Frank Worthington (34), Mick Channon (34), Alan Ball (38). Phil Lawrence, Reading, Berkshire.



Derek Parkin — he's in Phil Lawrence's 'Grandads' team.

AFTER watching the recent European Championship match between Belgium and Scotland, I was not surprised by the form of Scottish and Liverpool marksman Kenny Dalglish.

Although Scotland lost the game, mainly through poor defence and a missed penalty, Kenny marked his return for Scotland with two of the finest goals I have ever seen.

Kenny has once again proved all his critics wrong. He has lost none of his superb skills. You can forget the rest of Scottish strikers . . . there's only one King Kenny.

Glen Baker (12), Sittingbourne, Kent.



Kenny Dalglish — lost none of his superb skills, says Glen Baker.

EVER heard of Danny Wallace? Well he's that brilliant, black Southampton winger who delights the crowd every Saturday with his skill, speed and sheer determination.

He only stands 5 feet 4 inches but what he lacks in height, he more than makes up for with ambition to go right to the top.

I think it's time Bobby Robson gave him a chance in the England Under-21s.

Nick Parry, Devizes, Wiltshire.

● SURE I've heard of Danny Wallace — and I rate him as the hottest young property in the game.

IT'S unlike 'Match' to make a mistake, but you dropped a clanger in a 'Did You Know' feature last month when you said that no club had won a European tie in Italy since Birmingham won the old Fairs Cup in Milan in season 1960/61.

Surely you cannot have forgotten that in 1979/80 Arsenal

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Who can follow Bob Paisley?

I FEEL sorry for whoever takes over from Bob Paisley as manager of Liverpool at the end of the season. There is no way he can hope to match Paisley's nine glorious years of Liverpool management.

When Bob retires, it will be a sad day. He has been at the club for over 40 years as a player, as assistant manager to Bill Shankly and, from 1974, as boss of the Anfield giants.

In the past few years he has rebuilt the side without paying fortunes. He is by far the shrewdest dealer in the transfer market.

He has bought players of the calibre of Kenny Dalglish, Graeme Souness, Alan Hansen, Bruce Grobbelaar and Ian Rush and has never let a season pass without some success.

Some of the praise must go to Bob's deputies, Ronnie Moran and Joe Fagan, but it will be Paisley who will be remembered for his legendary spell with the club.

James Kinmont (12), Flax Bourton, Bristol.

played Juventus in the European Cup Winners Cup and won there 1-0 through a Paul Vaessen goal, thus reaching the Final in Brussels where they were beaten on penalties?

Steve Gough, Romford, Essex.

● WE stand corrected. We asked if you knew — and you did!

I'M annoyed that the football media seems to think that Scottish football starts and finishes in Glasgow.

The truth is that Rangers and Celtic continue to flop in European competitions and Scotland's flag-bearers continue to be Aberdeen and Dundee United. United's superb performance in Bremen recently testifies to that.

Both Aberdeen and United cannot command the support of the Glasgow giants, but their performances deserve more recognition.

Andrew Ferguson, Burton-upon-Trent, Staffs.

I WAS ill and feeling pretty low when I tuned the radio in to England's European Championship match with Luxembourg.

England's nine goals cheered me up no end and I was really pleased when my favourite player, Glenn Hoddle, came on as substitute to score. Thanks, Scotland . . .

Matt Godfrey, Hucknall, Nottingham.

GOLDEN GOOF

"THIS is the way to win back the fans — with plenty of goals," says David Rogers (13), of Bromsgrove, Worcs, who spotted this Golden Goof.

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I WAS staggered by the news that Bournemouth had sacked manager David Webb.

David had devoted himself to the club and produced a smashing young team, good enough to win promotion last season.

One of the reasons for Webb's dismissal, I understand, is that he tried to sign George Best . . . for a reported £25,000. If Webb had managed to sign Best, it would have meant a huge increase in attendances and a large profit for the club.

I just cannot understand why the club has dismissed one of the game's brightest, most go-ahead bosses.

Jonathan Elliott, Broadstone, Dorset.

JUST for a change, I bought a rival soccer magazine rather than 'Match'. It was a big mistake.

I turned to the results pages and, to my horror, found that the results were a month out of date, and unlike 'Match Weekly's Match Facts, there were no star ratings and there were no team line-ups for Division Three and Four matches.

'Match' might cost a little more than its rivals, but the service you give is unbeatable. I'll stick to 'Match' in future.

Adrian Roberts (12), North Wingfield, Derbyshire.

WHAT has Scotland boss Jock Stein got against my favourite player, little Nottingham Forest striker Ian Wallace?

At the moment, Wallace and his Forest striking partner Garry Birtles are taking the First Division by storm. Wallace's goal tally points to his skills inside the opposition penalty area.

The former Coventry striker has had just one and a half games in a Scotland shirt. His form at the moment demands more Scotland call-ups.

David McColl, Balloch, Scotland.



Ian Wallace — what has Jock Stein got against him? asks David McColl.

ONE 'Match' reader — Paul McCarthy of Newmarket — was very critical of Allan Simonsen's decision to join Second Division Charlton, rather than sign for a bigger club.

I think Allan made a wise choice and that Charlton will profit by charging up the Second Division.

Andrew Dominy, Abbey Wood, London.

I would like a pen pal who supports Arsenal and goes to all their home games. Preferably the person should be 13-15 years old and live in London. Martin Currall, 5 The Paddocks, Easton-on-the-Hill, Stamford, Lincs.

I am a 13-year-old Aston Villa supporter and my favourite player is Tony Morley. I also like pop music and my favourite groups are Adam and the Ants and Madness. I would like a pen pal from

anywhere outside the U.K. Jonathan Clocas, 10 West Street, Warwick, Warwickshire.

Leeds United are my favourite team and I would like a pen pal aged between 17 and 25 who also supports the Peacocks. Suzanne McCormick, Port San Carlos, East Falkland Islands, South Atlantic.

I am a 12-year-old Swansea fan and would like a pen pal of my own age from Scotland with whom I could swap programmes. Geraint Jones, 9 Ddol Road, Dunvant, Swansea, Wales.

I am a keen Manchester United fan and try to go and see the Red Devils at least

once a month. I would like a pen pal who lives in or around Manchester and visits Old Trafford regularly. Alyson Burridge, 48 Westmoor Drive, Westmoor, Newcastle, Tyne and Wear.

I'm a 17-year-old Tottenham fan and would like a female French pen pal aged 16 or 17. Brendan Murray, 22 Castleton Gardens, Belfast, Northern Ireland BT15 3BY.

I'M a 16-year-old Arsenal fanatic and would like a pen pal who supports any team. Peter Johannes Hansen, Staerevej 42 St. T.V., 2400 Copenhagen N.V., Denmark.

Pen pals

GARY MABBUTT

Tottenham Hotspur and England



SPURS 2 BIRMINGHAM 1

Division One, White Hart Lane,
Saturday, December 18, 1982

SPURS play-anywhere ace Gary Mabbutt solved manager Keith Burkinshaw's striking dilemma when Steve Archibald went down with flu on the eve of the game against struggling Birmingham.

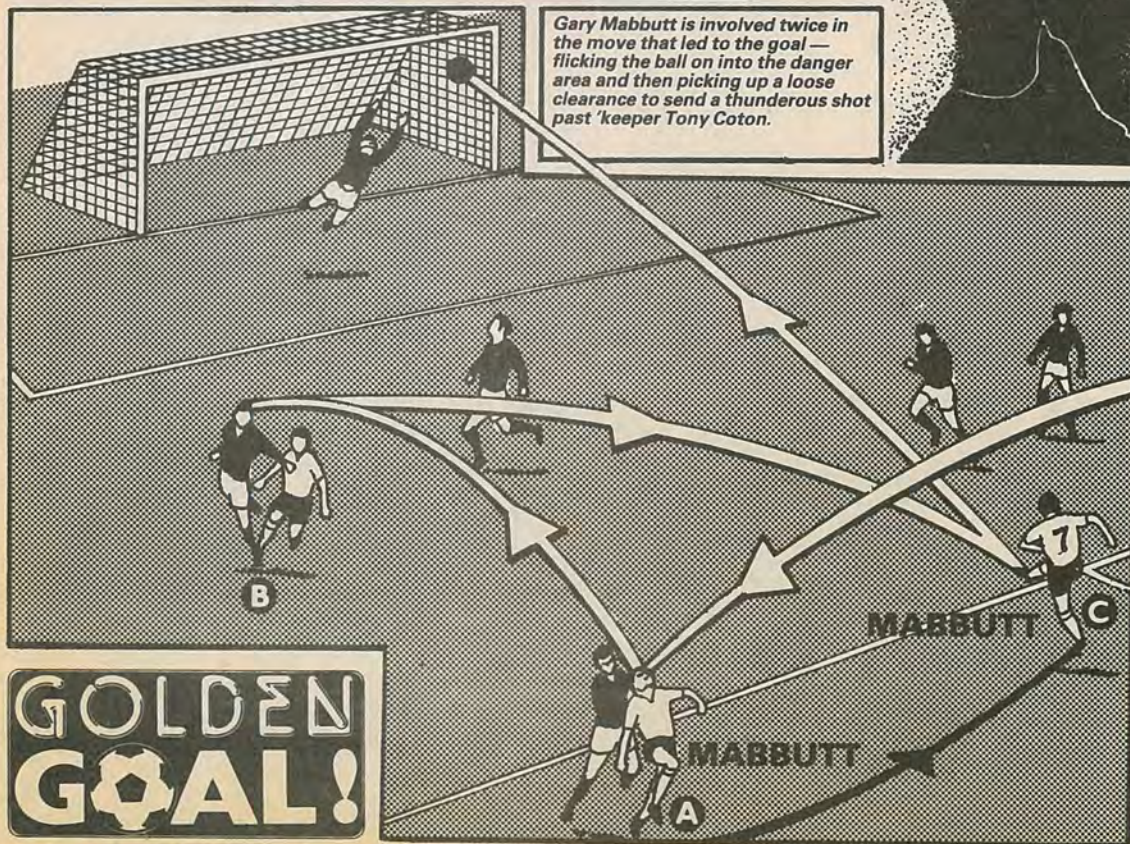
Gary, who has appeared in nearly every position for Spurs since his close season move from Bristol Rovers, played stop-gap striker and pounced with two well-taken goals.

The first was a spectacular volley from the edge of the box and will be remembered by the Spurs faithful for a long time. Gary says: "It was one of those shots that either fly out of the ground or thunder into the net. Fortunately for me it went in the right direction."

"The ball was headed out by a Birmingham defender and it fell just right for me so I let fly. It was especially satisfying as it was my first game as a striker for Spurs."

But the England regular admits he was just as pleased with his second goal. He says: "It wasn't as eye catching. It was a simple tap in, but it came after a great move involving most of the team."

Gary Mabbutt is involved twice in the move that led to the goal — flicking the ball on into the danger area and then picking up a loose clearance to send a thunderous shot past 'keeper Tony Coton.



**GOLDEN
GOAL!**

STEVE
MABBUTT

IT'S become almost a national hobby to have a go at Scotland's international goalkeepers.

And the latest to come under fire has been my Aberdeen team-mate Jim Leighton, who has been blamed for our defeat in the European Championship qualifier in Belgium last month.

Just a couple of games ago, he was being hailed as 'here to stay' but, following the defeat in Brussels, he's come in for a lot of unwarranted criticism from the Scottish press.

One newspaper report even suggested that after conceding the second goal against the Belgians, the ground should have opened and swallowed him up.

Although he could have been blamed for Belgium's opener, there's no way anyone can fault him for the second.

It seems to me that the Scottish press are looking for 'Mr Perfect' as their goalkeeper. They are setting their sights far too high. Everyone makes mistakes — even Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence.

Alan Rough, who's just moved to Hibernian, suffered the same sort of criticism as Jim is going through now. It's absolute nonsense because I believe Scotland have some first class goalkeepers.

I believe that Jim will be Scotland's number one for many years. He's only 24 and goalkeepers don't usually reach their peak until they are 30. That means he's still got six years of his apprenticeship left to serve before we see the best of him.

Criticism of Jim annoys me because I know just how hard he works and what a good goalkeeper he is. I'd certainly have him in any side I picked. He has the ability to be a world class 'keeper.

I feel so safe when Jim is between the posts and that's the sign of good goalkeeper. I know that everyone at Pittodrie has 100 per cent confidence in him.

Fortunately, the criticism has been like water off a duck's back to Jim. He's just gone about his business and hasn't let it concern him.

He picked up the MacKinleys



Jim Leighton — I'm annoyed by the criticism that's been levelled at him.

GET OFF JIM'S BACK!

Whisky award as Scotland's top player, so that in itself indicates that the criticism has been a little harsh.

I believe that he has improved over the last year and much of that is due to his involvement at international level.

When he first joined the Scotland squad, he was a little shy but now he's come out of his shell and is much more confident and isn't scared to shout orders and organise his defenders.

On Saturday, Jim will be in action with the rest of the Aberdeen team at St Mirren and that's a fixture which always seems to produce a tight, exciting game.

Our last meeting against them in November looked quite convincing on paper. We beat them 4-0, but the scoreline flattered us somewhat because we had to work hard for the result.

I'm hoping that our midfielder John Hewitt will be nearing full fitness again by the time we travel to St Mirren. He's been out for nearly two months with an ankle injury.

On the same day, Rangers — who've had their problems this season — entertain Dundee United in what looks like the top clash in the Premier Division.

John Greig has surprised me somewhat by allowing young Gordon Dalziel to go on the transfer list. I've always rated the young striker and if he leaves I'm sure they'll miss him.

Gordon, who burst on the scene about 18 months ago, is very fast and deceptive. I think he was very disappointed to lose his place in the League Cup Final to loanee Gordon Smith.

League leaders and Premier Division champions Celtic travel to Motherwell and I'm sure the Parkhead side will find them a different proposition to the team they beat 7-0 earlier this season.

Manager Jock Wallace has since added two of my old team-mates to the side — Andy Harrow and Andy Dorman — and I'm sure they'll prove useful additions.

Right-back Andy Dorman needed a move because he was frustrated by his lack of first team chances at Pittodrie. The form of Stewart Kennedy kept him out of the side.

The following Saturday we play hosts to mighty Rangers in one of the big games of the season.

It's a game we've got to win because at the moment there's no way I can see Celtic slipping up. Before the New Year programme they'd only dropped

LEIGHTON WILL PROVE HE'S SCOTLAND'S TOP 'KEEPER

THE GORDON STRACHAN COLUMN:

The Aberdeen and Scotland star leaps to the defence of a team mate under fire. Keep up with Gordon's Scottish scene every fortnight in 'Match'.



three points and we'd taken two of them.

It can be demoralising watching Celtic win all their games, but we've had to live with that situation for years. It's up to us to change it.

I must admit that I haven't been happy with my own goalscoring record of late. After a great start to the season my goal tally has dried up.

One of the main reasons for my little drought — if that's what you call it — has been that I've been playing as a right winger and I don't get as many scoring opportunities as I would if I played in midfield.

But as we went into our game against St Mirren I was still the club's top scorer . . . and that's the way I intend it to stay.

There's some friendly rivalry between myself and my mate Mark McGhee. He is nearest to me in terms of goals at the moment. He keeps trying to gee me up by saying he'll beat me . . . there's no way I'll allow that!

● Gordon Strachan was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

LIVERPOOL stand ten points clear at the top of the League and look set to surge to their fourteenth Championship success.

Manager Bob Paisley says it will be all over if Liverpool are the same number of points clear with three games to go! But Bob never was one for rash predictions.

'Match' analyses the slim chances of Liverpool being overhauled... Anfield old boy Ray Kennedy says 'hand the trophy to them for the next two years'... and the closest rivals have their say.

HOME

RECORD OF THE REDS

WHO can stop Liverpool retaining the League Championship?

The simple answer is it will take an 'Act of Parliament' to prevent them racing away with their seventh title in eleven seasons.

Ten points clear and into the last third of the race, their major rivals, Watford, Nottingham Forest and Manchester United, languish in their wake.

And a miracle they are going to need if Liverpool show the same level of consistency they have shown over the past ten run-ins.

In simple terms, the top three contenders for Liverpool's crown can only afford three defeats in their last 19 matches — and that's it!

Nine points is all they can allow to slip through their fingers to prevent the inevitable.

That's based on the research that shows Liverpool have averaged 37 points from their last 19 matches in the past ten seasons (figures converted to three points for a win).

If they maintain that average this time, that would give them 87 points come May, leaving Watford, Forest and United needing 48 points from a possible 57 to pip them.

LIVERPOOL'S RUN-IN RECORD OVER PAST TEN SEASONS

1972-73 (Champions).

Last 19 games: Wins 11, draws 4, defeats 4. Points (converted to 3 pts for a win): 37.

1973-74 (runners-up).

Last 19 games: Wins 9, draws 8, defeats 2. Points: 35.

1974-75 (runners-up).

Last 19 games: Wins 8, draws 6, defeats 5. Points: 30.

1975-76 (Champions).

Last 19 games: Wins 12, draws 5, defeats 2. Points: 41.

1976-77 (Champions).

Last 19 games: Wins 9, draws 7, defeats 3. Points: 34.

1977-78 (runners-up).

Last 19 games: Wins 12, draws 3, defeats 4. Points: 39.

1978-79 (Champions).

Last 19 games: Wins 14, draws 5, defeats 0. Points: 47.

1979-80 (Champions).

Last 19 games: Wins 11, draws 3, defeats 5. Points: 36.

1980-81 (fifth).

Last 19 games: Wins 6, draws 7, defeats 6. Points: 25.

1981-82 (Champions).

Last 19 games: Wins 15, draws 3, defeats 1. Points: 48.



Flashback to the end of last season and Liverpool are Champions for a record thirteenth time.

RIVALS SAY IT'S NOT

LIVERPOOL'S closest rivals in the Championship race refuse to throw in the towel.

But Manchester United's Scottish full-back Arthur Albiston admits: "I can't see a team like Liverpool squandering a ten point lead."

That's the gap between the Anfield giants and the chasing pack of United, Watford and Nottingham Forest and Arthur says:

"All we can do is win as many games as possible and hope Liverpool slip up a few times because at the moment the Championship race is out of our hands. When Liverpool do drop points, the pressure is on us to win our games but it's

difficult to see Liverpool losing four games in a row."

Young Watford winger Nigel Callaghan meanwhile is still full of fight.

"There is still a long way to go, and Liverpool are not home and dry by any means," he says.

"We've not thrown in the towel and we'll chase them all the way.

"Every team has a bad patch during the season and they haven't hit theirs yet, but it's important that we win our matches when Liverpool drop points, otherwise they'll ride through it unscathed.

"Ten points looks a lot at the moment, but

NEXT WEEK

SKY

BLUE

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Special report on Coventry City and the surge that took them to their highest-ever First Division placing.

THE

LIVERPOOL
GOAL
TARGET

Can the 'Super Reds' become the first League Champions to score 100 goals since Spurs topped the ton 20 years ago?

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ANDY GRAY
PHIL PARKES
DERRICK
PARKER
DAVID
McCREERY
and Notts County
striker
IAIN McCULLOCH
as you've never seen
him before!

STAR

WRITERS

GRAEME
SOUNESS
DAVID
CROSS
GRAHAM
RIX

and DRY!

'YOU CAN CROWN LIVERPOOL NOW' SAYS RAY KENNEDY

FORMER Liverpool favourite Ray Kennedy has handed the League Championship to his old team-mates for the next two years.

The Swansea star says: "As all their players are contracted to the club until at least 1984, you might as well leave the trophy in the Anfield cabinet. I can't see anyone challenging them."

"There's no money around for clubs to buy new players to improve their squads so unless some wonder kids are unearthed, Liverpool's reign should be undisturbed."

"I know the lads might think I'm putting extra pressure on them, but I can't honestly see them losing such a commanding lead at the top of the First Division, especially when you consider that they usually play better in the second half of the season."

Ray moved to Swansea for £160,000 last season after picking up League Championship, European Cup, League Cup and UEFA Cup winners' medals in eight glory years at Anfield.

"Just look what happened last year. At Christmas they were 12th in the First Division and yet they still managed to win the Championship with a game to spare."

"Liverpool just seem to get stronger and stronger. Everyone expects the bubble to burst but it never does. They've sold players like myself and Terry McDermott and still produced the class

players capable of taking over and doing a good job."

"Injuries obviously play a big part in the title chase and Liverpool haven't been without their worries this season."

"At some stage or another, they've been without players like Phil Thompson, Craig Johnston and Ronnie Whelan, but they've still continued their surge at the top. That's how strong they are."

Ray believes that Liverpool could be in with their best chance of achieving the double — winning both the League Championship and the FA Cup.

"They haven't had much luck in the FA Cup and it's the only domestic trophy that has eluded manager Bob Paisley. He deserves to win it in his last season at Anfield."

"They are well placed to go for the double. Having a healthy lead at the top of the First Division must take some pressure off the lads."

"I rate Bob Paisley as the best manager I've ever played under and I'm sure that it's not beyond him and his men to win everything this season. It would be great if he could go out with the European Cup as well."

Ray believes that Liverpool's tremendous success this season has hinged on the revitalised form of Scottish striker Kenny Dalglish.

"After Scotland's World Cup campaign, everyone was writing him off as a spent force but he hasn't let that sort of talk get him down and has come back better than ever."

"He's also been helped by the form of young Ian Rush. If Kenny hasn't scored, the young Welsh international has done the job."

"The backroom staff deserve a lot of credit for the hard work they put in. The fans only see the players on the park and perhaps don't realise how much goes on behind the scenes."

"They make sure that the players are perfectly prepared for each game and that every player knows what he's got to do," says Ray.

"Liverpool are my favourite team and I'll always have a soft spot for them. If Swansea don't win the Championship — as seems likely — I'd love Liverpool to do it."

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Livpool	23	10	2	0	40	12	5	3	3	18	9	50
Watford	23	9	2	1	28	1	3	2	6	14	18	40
Man U	23	8	4	0	22	5	3	3	5	9	13	40
Notm F	23	8	2	1	22	6	4	2	6	17	23	40
West H	22	8	1	2	26	11	4	0	7	14	21	37
Coventry	23	9	2	1	21	7	2	2	7	11	22	37

How it looks at the top of the League with Liverpool well clear of the chasing pack.



Former Liverpool star Ray Kennedy — "I can't see them losing such a commanding lead."

Even though the former England star has joined a club that's now struggling at the wrong end of the First Division, he doesn't regret his decision to leave Anfield.

He says: "I had a good time while I was there but I felt I needed a change. I've made my bed and now I've got to lie in it. I've no regrets about leaving."

OVER YET

there are still a lot of matches left."

Forest striker Ian Wallace also refuses to admit that the title race is over and says his side will fight Liverpool all the way.

Says Ian: "It is going to be really difficult to close the gap but there is no way we are going to give up."

"If we can keep picking up the points and Liverpool lose the odd game, anything can happen. We still have to play them towards the end of the season and that could be an important game."

"If anybody is going to upset the Liverpool machine it will be either Manchester United or ourselves... but it's going to be difficult."

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SPOTLIGHT ON NORWICH SKIPPER MICK MCGUIRE

FULL NAME: Michael James McGuire.

BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Blackpool/September 4, 1952.

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft. 7 1/2 ins./10st. 6lbs.

MARRIED: Yes, to Sue.

CHILDREN: A daughter, Sally (2).

CAR: Cortina 1600L.

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Coventry City and Tampa Bay Rowdies (on loan).

TRADE BEFORE TURNING

PRO: Joined Coventry from school.

WORST EVER INJURY:

Achilles tendon in 1978. It needed an operation.

FAVOURITE FOOTBALL

LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Glenn Hoddle of Spurs — he hits more telling passes in a game than any other player.

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Blackpool.

FAVOURITE FOREIGN

PLAYER AND WHY: Zico of Brazil — he can both make and score goals at the highest level.

BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH

TEAM: Banks, Armfield, McFarland, Moore, Wilson, Charlton R. (all England), Giles (Eire), Baxter, Law (Scotland), Best (N. Ireland), Hurst (England).

ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL

XI: Banks, Carlos Alberto (Brazil), McFarland, Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Wilson, Charlton R., Rivera (Italy), Gerson, Pele (both Brazil), Cruyff (Holland), Best (N. Ireland).

FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Old Trafford.

FAVOURITE FOREIGN

STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Tampa Bay in Florida.

BEST GOAL SCORED: A header against Portsmouth in Division Two, season 1974-75 which assured us promotion.

BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Archie Gemmill's solo effort for Scotland against Holland in the 1978 World Cup Finals.

MOST DIFFICULT

OPPONENT: Graeme Souness of Liverpool.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:

The Little World Cup Final 1971 (v Portugal). England won 3-0.



OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Running out in front of 80,000 fans for Tampa Bay against New York Cosmos in the 1978 North American Soccer League Final.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Norwich being relegated in season 1980-81.

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Rugby Union (watching), golf and cricket.

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:

Music and reading.

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smoking and gardening.

FAVOURITE TV SHOW:

Minder and sports programmes.

TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS

SWITCH OFF: Game For A Laugh and the Des O'Connor Show.

FAVOURITE READING:

Historical novels.

FAVOURITE POP STAR:

Doobie Brothers and Kenny Loggins.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Prime rib of beef.

FAVOURITE DRINK: Tea.

BEST COUNTRY VISITED:

Japan.

FAVOURITE

ACTOR/ACTRESS: Charles Bronson, Jenny Agutter and Donald Sutherland.

BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST

YEAR: 'Eye of a Needle'.

BEST FRIEND: Too many to mention.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father.

WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE

ABOUT FOOTBALL:

Hooliganism.

SUPERSTITIONS: None.

PRE-MATCH MEAL: Poached eggs.

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Seven England Youth caps.

PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy.

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To lead Norwich to the League Championship.

CAREER AFTER PLAYING:

Teaching or coaching in some form.

PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE:

Mark Metcalf — one of our apprentices.

WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Jack Nicklaus.

ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Never be afraid to seek advice from more experienced players.

Mick McGuire